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S. African raid into Lesotho kills 37

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 9 (AP) — South African troops attacked the Lesotho capital of Maseru and killed as many as 37 persons Thursday in a pre-dawn raid against black nationalists.

The South Africans apparently walked into the independent mountain kingdom's main city, a few hundred yards from the South African border, and took it over for more than an hour.

Lesotho officials and Western diplomats said the raiders met scant resistance in the city of 50,000 people as they attacked 12 targets in business areas, wealthy suburbs and poor villages.

South African military chief Lt. Gen. Constand Viljoen said in a statement that 30 members of the African National Congress were killed. He said five women and two children were killed and four South African soldiers wounded.

Permanent Secretary V.T. Ndobe, the top civil servant in the Lesotho Foreign Ministry, said in a telephone interview, about 30 people were killed, some of them Lesotho citizens, including women. Others were South African ANC members.

Maseru residents said the raiders left by helicopters that landed on a sports field. Ndobe estimated the attacking force at more than 100.

U.N. Secretary general Javier Perez de Cuellar Thursday condemned South Africa's incursion and said he was appalled by the loss of innocent lives. In a statement, he said he had been informed that the Lesotho government intended to raise the matter with the U.N. Security Council.

Nuclear protester's bluff proves fatal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP) — Consumed by a conviction that mankind is drifting toward nuclear extinction, a White House protester, a luner no one much noticed, died in a final gesture for "a national dialogue on the nuclear weapons question."

Norman D. Mayer held the Washington Monument hostage with a reckless bluff on Wednesday. He claimed to have dynamite in his white van, and he demanded that the newspapers and broadcasters devote 51 percent of their space and time to discussing the fear that obsessed him.

After night fell, the siege ended and Mayer was dead.

The 66-year-old Miami Beach, Florida, handyman, still dressed in a blue jumpsuit, was shot in the head in a barrage of police gunfire after he started driving his van from the monument. He got only a few yards.

"If the truck had become mobile, we would have had a moving time bomb in the city of Washington," said Chief Lynn Herring of the U.S. Park Police, explaining the decision to open fire. The White House was about 400 meters away.

Mayer, wounded, took down a flagpole. The van flipped onto its side. When police got to him, Mayer was still alive, still warning that the vehicle was loaded with TNT. Police handcuffed him to his steering wheel. Minutes later he was dead.

There had been indications he had an accomplice and police spent nearly five hours searching for one. But they found no one.

A police officer reported seeing a person run inside the shaft, precipitating a step-by-step search of the 898 steps to the peak.

Mayer had a history of protesting against nuclear war the last few weeks outside the White House gates. And a friend who visited him during the siege said it was Mayer, dressed in blue jumpsuit and helmet, who had staged the threat.

Mayor Marion Barry said there were no explosives in the truck. The man had claimed, variously, that it contained dynamite or "1,000 pounds of TNT."

The siege had begun in the bright fall sunshine at 9:20 a.m. when the van with the slogan "No. 1 priority. Ban nuclear weapons" painted on its side was driven up a grassy slope, facing the door of the monument. Nine persons were trapped inside for more than five hours, but they were allowed to leave in the afternoon.

After several hours, the man agreed to talk with a single reporter and told him he wanted a nationwide discussion on banning nuclear weapons.

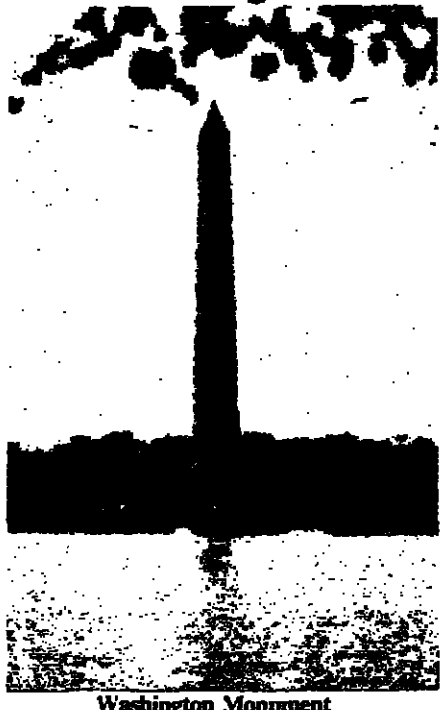
The reporter said he was told: "It's up to the press, it's up to the media. They have been pretending that we are not threatened every day of our lives with annihilation."

The explosion threat halted traffic across the 14th Street Bridge over the Potomac River to the suburbs of Virginia.

Authorities evacuated thousands of public servants from the nearby departments of agriculture and commerce and other government buildings.

Even President Reagan and Mrs. Reagan took special precautions inside the executive mansion of the White House, the site of a luncheon for President Reagan had to be changed. Police settled in for a long siege after the protester told the reporter he expected to see him again Friday. All the day he made his demands in a printed leaflet he handed to a reporter who acted as an intermediary with police.

It said "as an act of sanity, ban nuclear weapons or have a nice doomsday as in my truck. There are 54 kilograms of TNT that can be detonated four different ways on automatic."



Washington Monument

Reviews M.E. situation Quit Lebanon, U.S. tells alien troops

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (R) — The White House made an urgent appeal for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Lebanon and progress toward an overall Middle East peace as senior Reagan administration advisers reviewed the situation.

White House Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes said Reagan was firmly committed to peace in the Middle East and believed it was urgent to move forward. Thursday's top-level meeting at the White House was attended by Vice President George Bush, Middle East envoys Philip Habib and Morris Draper, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director William Casey.

Speakes said they discussed the overall Middle East situation and a recent appeal by Lebanese President Amin Gemayel for an increase in the multilateral force to which the United States, France and Italy have contributed troops.

He said Reagan had not reached a decision on whether to increase the force of 1,200 U.S. Marines in Lebanon pending consultations on Gemayel's request and the possibility of other countries contributing troops to the force.

Habib, who negotiated the agreement that led to the departure of Palestinian commandos from Beirut after the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in June, was recalled this week along with Draper for consultations in Washington.

Earlier, the White House said their recall did not mean negotiations for the removal of Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian troops from Lebanon were stalled.

But Reagan administration officials said privately they were concerned that their unofficial deadline for a complete pullback by the end of this month might not be met.

Speakes said the meeting of Reagan's advisers was held to discuss the next steps in the Middle East process as well as the situation in Lebanon.

He said Reagan remained totally committed to his Sept. 1 Middle East peace plan as well as to the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon.

"We recognize it is a difficult situation there but it is urgent that we move forward in the process," he said. "The longer the process continues without substantial progress, the greater the possibility of a return to violence in the region."

Meanwhile, Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon has urged the United States to contribute to normalizing Israel-Lebanon relations, making it clear he meant more than a mere security arrangement for northern Israel.

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Call to strip Begin of peace prize

PARIS, Dec. 9 (Agencies) — A statement urging the Nobel Peace Prize Board to withdraw the 1978 prize awarded to Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin appeared Thursday in leading European newspapers bearing the signatures of more than 100 Egyptians and Europeans.

The statement accused Begin, who shared the prize with the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, of last June unleashing "his troops against the Lebanese and the Palestinians, killing and wounding tens of thousands and rendering hundreds of thousands homeless."

It said the prime minister's action "is incompatible with the noble ideals of the Nobel Peace Prize Board and its retention of the prize undermines its credibility."

The statement, entitled "save the Nobel Peace Prize," was sponsored by the Oxford Committee against the invasion of Lebanon. It appeared Thursday in the *International Herald Tribune*, *Le Monde*, *The Guardian* and other European newspapers.

The advertisement also contained a form to cut out and send to the Nobel Peace Prize Committee in Oslo by others interested in stripping Begin of the award.

Begin opposed the creation of an independent Palestinian state and continued building of Jewish settlements on the West Bank.

Arab States and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), continued to call for a separate Palestinian state.

Trip fruitful, Zia says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP) — President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan Thursday ended his official visit here, questioning whether the Soviet Union will soon withdraw from Afghanistan but declaring confidence America will extend financial aid, "the helping hand that countries like Pakistan require."

"I can assure you I am departing Washington with a lot of goodwill and a lot of satisfaction," the Pakistani chief executive said as he left Washington to fly to New York City after a private breakfast at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

In New York, he is scheduled to address the Foreign Policy Association, attend a United Nations reception, and meet with former President Richard Nixon, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and others before going on to Houston, Sacramento and San Francisco.

On Wednesday, Zia told a group of reporters that after lengthy talks and a personal meeting with Soviet Communist Party chief Yuri Andropov, he has seen "no proof, no indications, no promises" the Soviet Army will pull out of Afghanistan. Soviet troops invaded Afghanistan, which borders Pakistan, in December 1979.

However, in the Chamber of Commerce lobby he indicated Moscow may be sincere in eventually seeking such withdrawal and said, without explaining, that there are "some tangible and some intangible signs of this."

In response of other questions, Zia said he looks forward to the establishment of an American chamber of commerce in Pakistan and to the renewal of commercial ties with the United States "on a very firm footing."

"Relations at the economic level are generally found to be lasting," Zia said.

On Wednesday, Zia was asked about the \$525 million, first-year installment on a five-year \$3.2 billion U.S. aid package to Pakistan that is before Congress. It is facing legislative road blocks and some open hostility. The aid, including credits to buy 40 F-16 jet fighters, was promised by President Ronald Reagan last year in the aftermath of the Soviet invasion.

51 die as Chilean airliner crashes

SANTIAGO, Dec. 9 (AP) — A Chilean airliner crashed Thursday as it prepared to land in the city of La Serena, killing all 51 persons aboard, the official news agency ORBE reported.

It said the Fairchild turboprop plane of Aeroror Airline was approaching the airport in La Serena, 290 miles (466 km) north of here, on a flight from Santiago.

Witnesses said the aircraft burst into flames as it crashed and its pieces were scattered over a radius of 300 yards (270 meters). The air force search and rescue service and the national police said there were no survivors.

Clark's heart yet to miss a beat

UTAH, Dec. 9 (AP) — Dr. Barney Clark, ending his first week with a mechanical heart that "hasn't missed a beat," responded well to treatment aimed at correcting a chemical imbalance that doctors say caused a series of seizures.

"He's about two-thirds of the way out of this last one," Dr. Chase Peterson said of the condition which resulted in the muscle seizures that returned Clark to the critical list early Tuesday.

Clark probably will remain in critical condition for a day or two more because the chemical imbalance has not been fully corrected, said Peterson, University of Utah vice president for health sciences.

Neither the seizures nor their cause were life-threatening but there was no way of knowing that earlier, he said.

Lethal injection sparks medical, legal row

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (R) — The execution by injection of American Charles Brooks has sparked off debate on whether there is a humane way to kill and whether the United States Supreme Court is trying to speed condemned men to their deaths.

Brooks was the first black man and the sixth convict to be executed since the Supreme Court lifted its ban on capital punishment in 1977 and he was the first to be killed by lethal injection, said by some to be a humane way of killing.

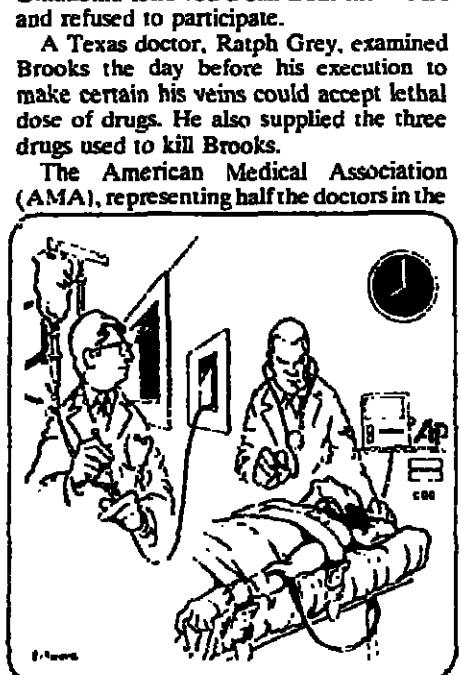
Brooks was only the second convict of the six who had not demanded execution. He may also have been innocent of killing anyone, although there was no doubt he was a party to murder.

The manner of his death Tuesday in the tiny death chamber of the Huntsville, Texas, prison has renewed with a fury the country's long and bitter debate on capital punishment.

It has also renewed debate among lawyers on whether the Supreme Court has now decided to short-circuit the appeals process and speed condemned men to their deaths.

The execution has also caused controversy in the medical profession. The World Medical Association (WMA) said Wednesday that doctors had no role to play in capital punishment even if drugs were used to carry out the sentence.

A scheduled execution by injection last year was blocked when local doctors in



United States, has told its members not to participate in executions because it is a doctor's job to heal not kill.

Dr. Grey did not participate in the actual execution — that was performed by a medical technician who sat behind a wall and was never seen by Brooks. Several doctors criticized Dr. Grey but the chairman of the

AMA's judicial council said he did not appear to have violated medical ethics.

Supporters of death by injection argue it is a more humane way to kill than sending electric shocks through a man's body or choking him to death with a rope.

Dick Reavis, a reporter for the Texas monthly magazine, described Brooks' death this way: "He moved his head as if to say 'no,' then he yawned and his eyes closed, and then he wheezed. His head fell over toward us, then he wheezed again."

For lawyers the question was not how Brooks died but whether he received a full measure of justice before his death. Charles Duncan, director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in Texas and one of Brooks' lawyers, said he was railroaded to his death.

Duncan is bitterly convinced that Brooks received "the same measure of justice that a man run over by a speeding car driven by a drunk who had jumped a stop sign does."

Jack Strickland, the man who prosecuted Brooks for the 1976 murder and kidnapping of mechanic David Gregory, agrees and thinks the state may have killed the wrong man. Brooks and his childhood friend Woody Loudres, both high on heroin, had kidnapped Gregory, 26, in Fort Worth. He was taken to a motel and shot in the head.

Brooks and Loudres were both condemned to die but Loudres' verdict was overturned on a technical error.

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Kingdom calls on U.N.:

Stop Israeli canal

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 9 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has called on the U.N. General Assembly to adopt a resolution demanding halt to an Israeli project to construct a canal linking the Mediterranean Sea with the Dead Sea. Speaking at a special political committee debate Wednesday night on the project, Saudi Arabian delegate Saleh Al-Andari said it was safe to assume that Israel would not halt the canal construction project despite several resolutions adopted by the organization. He added that the project was the "latest in a series of aggressive Israeli actions."

Riyadh hosts second Filipino food festival

By Javid Hassan
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Dec. 9 — Creativity is the word at the Filipino Food Festival and Trade Exhibition that has opened for a week-long billing here at the Riyadh Palace Hotel. On display are a range of products from rattan furniture to exquisite brass plants, seashell birds, boxes and flowers, monkeypads fruit trays and nylon stocking butterflies costing SR20 to SR25 a piece.

Black coral flowers, which can be shaped in any way to suit the flower arrangement, among others, testify to the creative skills of Filipino craftsmen. The center of all eyes is the Jeepney, Philippines' own car, decked out

"As usual, Israel does not concern itself with the fact that the project violated the Security Council and the General Assembly's resolution as well as international laws and principles," he added.

He said the project would have "grave effects on occupied Gava districts' economy and agriculture as well as Jordan's potash production."

The committee Thursday morning circulated a draft resolution sponsored by Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Jordan, Pakistan and North Yemen by which the General Assembly would demand that Israel abandon immediately its decision to construct the canal. The committee is expected to vote on this issue next week.

like a bride at the hotel's entrance.

Talking about Filipino food, Kenneth Vella, food and beverage manager of the Riyadh Palace Hotel, said the preparations are labor-intensive as they are seasoned and marinated to tickle the taste buds. The specialties revolve round seafoods, since the Filipinos favor a lot of fresh fish, crabs and tender lobsters, he said.

This is the second exhibition, after the one at Dhahran, being sponsored by the Philippine Embassy in concert with Food Terminal Inc., National Food Authority, Gulf Air, Philippine Airlines and the Philippine Manufacturers' group to promote indigenous garments, handicrafts, giftware, food items, shell craft and other products.

Italy imports 20% more oil; exports to Kingdom up 52%

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 9 — Italy's oil imports from Saudi Arabia registered a 20 percent increase during the first five months (Jan-May) of the current year and its exports to the Kingdom were up by 51.7 percent in the same period compared with the trade between the two countries in the corresponding period of the last year, according to the Italian Trade Commissioner Giuseppe Castelli.

He told Arab News, Italy imported nearly 35 percent of its oil requirements from Saudi Arabia last year with imports reaching \$6.3 billion of its total oil imports valued at \$18.1 billion from all the countries during 1981.

In the first five months of the current year Italian oil imports from Saudi Arabia have amounted to \$2.73 billion, which is 20 percent higher compared with imports during same period last year.

Against this, Italy's exports to the Kingdom have registered a spectacular rise of 51.7 percent at \$892 million in the first five months of the current year. Major items

which contributed for the increase include transport vehicles, up by 74.5 percent; textiles and ready-made garments, up 61.8 percent; machinery and equipment (electrical and non-electrical) up 37.9 percent; foodstuffs, up 35.3 percent; and building material, up 31.1 percent. At the same time steel, pipes and cast iron exports declined by 69.9 percent.

Despite this sharp rise in exports, Italy's trade deficit with Saudi Arabia during first five months of the current year was up at \$1.84 billion compared with \$1.68 billion in the same period last year.

"We are taking several steps to bridge the increasing trade gap by further export promotion," said Castelli.

These include exhibitions, missions, exchange of visits by businessmen, participation in exhibitions, invitations to traders to visit Italy and publicity in newspapers and magazines.

"We are working on a promotional program for 1983," said Italian Institute for Foreign Trade official Dr. Mario Carroni.

Prayer Times

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Fajr (Dawn)	5:22	5:29	5:01	4:51	5:16	5:50
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:13	12:14	11:46	11:32	11:57	12:26
Asr (Afternoon)	3:18	3:14	2:45	2:29	2:53	3:19
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:40	5:35	5:06	4:49	5:14	5:39
Isha (Night)	7:10	7:05	6:36	6:19	6:44	7:09

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Saudi Telephone to go public

DAMMAM, Dec. 9 (SPA) — Saudi Telephone will be changed into a public corporation during the coming Five-Year Development Plan according to statement by Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayal, minister of Posts, Telephone and Telegraph (PTT). The minister added that studies are already underway to carryout the change, though the institution will be funded by the public offer.

Dr. Kayal said that telephone services are already covering 300 cities and villages throughout the Kingdom out of 450 called for by the current Five-Year Development Plan. The coming 30 months will witness achieving that goal, he said.

Concerning providing telephone services within 24 hours, the minister said that in areas covered by the communication network, the application takes only six hours.

Saudia expecting 747 simulator, intensifies training programs

JEDDAH, Dec. 9 — Saudia's advanced, six-story training center here will receive a new simulator for 747 aircraft within two months, the center's director Capt. Muhammad Abu Ashi told *Okaz* Thursday.

Saudia began its training program 32 years ago, the new center was opened in 1979 by Prince Sultan, the second deputy premier and minister of defense and aviation. So far, 427 persons graduated from the center. They include

134 pilots, 226 co-pilots and 67 aeronautic engineers.

At present, the center has simulators for 737 and Tristar 1011 planes. Everything is computerized. This year's trainees total 39. Another 151 persons are completing their training in the United States. Of those, 63 will return as co-pilots and 88 as flight engineers.

More than 48 percent of Saudia's pilots now are Saudi Arabians while the rate of Saudi Arabians among flight engineers stands at 30 percent. Saudia plans to soon raise the percentage to 100 percent, according to the official.

Man beheaded for committing crime in Baha

BAHA, Dec. 9 (SPA) — A man was beheaded here Thursday for killing another man who prevented him from raping the deceased's niece.

An Interior Ministry statement said Thursday that the murderer, Muhammad Saeed Musaid Al-Dhamir Al-Zahrani, shot dead Sari Bakheet Ahmad Al-Zahrani because the victim prevented him from raping the girl.

Dawa Institute gives graduate courses

DHAHRAN, Dec. 9 (SPA) — A ceremony was held here Wednesday night for a group of government and public corporation employees who attended a special course before going abroad on scholarships.

5,000 students attend

54 Bisha girls' schools

BISHA, Dec. 9 (SPA) — There are 54 girls' schools in Bisha area attended by 5,000 students and administered by a staff of 350. Of these, 46 are primary schools catering for 4,011 students with 279 teachers; while the five intermediate schools accommodate 611 students and are administered by 47 teachers. There are one secondary school and one teachers' training institute which cater for 220 students. Also 56 children are looked after by a kindergarten.

Referee course is inaugurated

RIYADH, Dec. 9 (SPA) — Youth Welfare President Prince Faisal bin Fahd inaugurated Wednesday night a special course for improving the skills of football referees for local tournaments. The course is organized by the Saudi Arabian Football Association. Prince Faisal also is chairman of the Saudi association and the Arab Football Federation.

In his opening address, Prince Faisal stressed the importance of confident and conscientious referees in the overall development of football in the country. He said referees should be aware of the great responsibilities they shoulder. Pointing to the ban of foreign referees to arbitrate football matches in local tournaments, Prince Faisal said the decision was based on the "complete confidence we have in our national referees and their abilities."

The Saudi Arabian football association keeps reports by referees on the progress of matches. "I personally pursue everything related to arbitrating in football matches because of the importance the sport attracts from the Saudi Arabian public," Prince Faisal told participants. Stressing that referees should be in comfortable financial and psychological conditions, Prince Faisal said he will take responsibility for a study on the situation of referees in cooperation with departments concerned. The study aims at improving their statute and encourage them to be more creative in their line of work.

YANBU, Dec. 9 — The first permanent telephone/telex central office exchange was initiated on Wednesday at Madinat Yanbu Al-Sinaiyah, providing enhanced telecommunications service with direct dialing capabilities throughout the Kingdom and to most other parts of the world.

Dr. Yousif I. Alturki, director general for the Yanbu Project, acting on behalf of the vice chairman for the Royal Commission, cut a ribbon on an antique Ericsson telephone with a lineman's shears in ceremonies attended by 200 persons.

The director general then placed a symbolic first call to the vice chairman of the Royal Commission Hisham Nazer to officially inaugurate the new facility.

"What has been accomplished here, even in today's space-age world of high technology, is a remarkable feat," Dr. Alturki said. "What was part of an empty desert in July, is today one of the most advanced telephone/telex exchanges anywhere."

He told the vice chairman the 6,000-line Central Office No. 3 facility was completed in 23 weeks, 37 weeks ahead of schedule, to meet the Royal Commission's immediate telecommunications needs.

Soon, a state of the art fiber optic underground transmission system will link this facility with two additional telephone exchanges currently under construction. This will provide a total capacity of 31,500 telephone lines by early 1984. Additional, telephone exchanges are planned for construction in the near future to provide a total capacity of over 100,000 telephone lines to fulfill the community and industrial needs of Madinat Yanbu Al-Sinaiyah by year 2000.

By the year 1984, Madinat Yanbu Al-Sinaiyah will have in place one of the most sophisticated telecommunications networks of any city of comparable size, employing state-of-the-art technology in such fields as telephone and telex communication, mobile telephones and radio, paging systems and cable television.

The telecommunications network will also include an integrated computerized mobile radio system that will be used by the community's security, fire and emergency medical services.

In addition to providing telephone and mobile radio service, the telecommunications network will provide telex lines and a cable television system throughout the city.

Minister will lecture on development plans

MAKKAH, Dec. 9 (SPA) — Planning Minister Hisham Nazer will deliver a lecture at the Ummul Qura University here Tuesday on the future of development. He will speak on Saudi Arabia's Five-Year Development Plans, their objectives and achievements so far. The lecture will be attended by planning under-secretaries and the university's professors. Nazer also will answer students' questions.

N. Yemeni cooperation

SANAA, (SPA) — North Yemeni Interior Minister Cop. Ali Uthrub received a message from Saudi Arabian Vice Minister of Interior Prince Ahmad. The message, conveyed Thursday by Saudi Arabian Ambassador to North Yemen, Trad Al-Harthi dealt with cooperation and coordination between the interior ministries of the two countries. Other topics on cooperation between Saudi Arabia and North Yemen also were discussed during the meeting between Col. Uthrub and Ambassador Harthi.

GCC legislators meet

RIYADH, (SPA) — Justice ministers from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) will meet here on Sunday to discuss the unification of legislation sources and principles of jurisdiction among member countries. The two-day meeting will also review standardization of legislation based on the Islamic Sharia (divine law) and unification of criminal law, personal statutes and court procedures. Discussions will also cover a treaty on judiciary evidences and implementation of court and judges' sentences as well as a treaty on extradition of criminals.

BRIEFS

SAFCO exports

MADINAH, — About 90 percent of the production of Saudi Arabian Fertilizers Company (SAFCO) is exported. *Al-Madina* reported Thursday, in Dammam, last month, SAFCO produced a total 306,592 tons of urea fertilizer, representing an increase of 4,785 tons over the same period last year. More than 50 percent of SAFCO's staff are Saudi Arabians.

Doctor penalized

RIYADH, — Acting Health Minister Dr. Ghazi Alghosabi has withdrawn the license of Dr. Nazir Ahmad Khan and fined him SR50,000 for a mistake during an operation which cost the life of a female patient. *Al-Bilad* reported. Dr. Khan, a naturalized Saudi, should not have performed the surgery in the first place, because he is not a surgeon but a general practitioner working at a private clinic here.

Registration scheduled

HAIFA-EL-BATEN, (SPA) — The vocational training center here begins registration for morning classes on technical and vocational training as of Dec. 18. Registration will continue until Dec. 30.

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Sectarian fighting rages in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Dec. 9 (Agencies) — Rightist Christian and nationalist Druze Muslim militiamen fought fierce duels by artillery and rockets in Lebanon's Israeli-occupied central mountains Thursday for the third straight day in Syrian-controlled northern Lebanon, police reported.

In Beirut, the independent newspaper *Al-Nahar* said U.S. marines would soon expand their peacekeeping duties to include Lebanon's Defense Ministry compound in suburban Yarz, where Lebanese and Israeli soldiers had a brief firefight on Wednesday. Police said fighting broke out between Christian and Druze warriors at midday (100GMT) in the central mountain towns of Souk El-Gharb and Aitah, about 14 kilometers southeast of Beirut following a wave of gunpoint sectarian abductions.

Arafat predicts 'imminent' battle

KUWAIT, Dec. 9 (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat was quoted here Thursday as dismissing the option of empowering King Hussein of Jordan to speak with the United States on behalf of the Palestinians.

The newspaper *Al-Rai Al-Aw* also quoted Arafat as predicting an "imminent battle" between PLO Commandos and the Israeli invasion forces in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley. "The situation in the Bekaa could explode any moment, in the light of Israel's continued military buildup," Arafat told the paper. He

Massacres unexpected, Begin says

TEL AVIV, Dec. 9 (AP) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin reiterated to the judicial commission probing the Beirut massacre that he had no reason to expect a massacre when Israel sent the Lebanese Christian militiamen into Sabra and Shatila refugee camps last September.

Begin wrote his additional testimony to the commission after he and eight other officials and army generals were warned that the findings of the probe may damage them. It was written Tuesday and made public by the commission Thursday. Foreign minister Yitzhak Shamir, facing a similar warning, wrote to the commission that he was preparing a response but would be out of the country on official business until Dec. 24 and needed additional time.

U.K. studying Amin plea for troops

LONDON, Dec. 9 (R) — Britain is still considering a Lebanese request for British troops to join the multinational peacekeeping force in Lebanon, but has heavy military commitments elsewhere, the Foreign Office said Thursday.

Visiting Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem conveyed the request to his British counterpart Francis Pym in London earlier in the day. In a statement after their talks, the Foreign Office said Britain understood the need to expand the joint U.S., French and Italian force to help with the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon. But it pointed out the difficulties posed by its military com-

Ghali, Baz visit Beirut, Amman

CAIRO, Dec. 9 (Agencies) — Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Boutros Ghali and President Hosni Mubarak's foreign affairs adviser, Osama El-Baz, returned here Thursday after brief visits to Lebanon and Jordan where they had talks on Middle East developments. Both officials declined to make any statement.

The two high-ranking officials visited Amman after a nine-hour stop in Lebanon, the first such visit by senior Egyptian leaders since the late President Anwar Sadat's 1977 peace initiative with Israel.

Ghali and El-Baz held talks with Jordanian Prime Minister Mudar Badran and Foreign Minister Marwan Kassem concerning Mubarak's attempt to return to the Arab fold, according to Egypt's acting ambassador in Amman, Nabil Bader.

Lebanese newspapers interpreted the surprise visit by the Egyptian delegation to Lebanon as a way of putting pressure on the United States to persuade Israel to withdraw

its troops from the Lebanese territory it has occupied since last June's invasion. "America's scolding alone is not going to have any effect on Israel," the independent newspaper *Al-Nahar* quoted Lebanese parliamentary sources as saying. So far, attempts to bring Israel and Lebanon together to negotiate a withdrawal have failed.

Meanwhile, the official Cairo radio Thursday called on Arab countries having good relations with the United States to exert the maximum pressure on Washington to secure the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon.

In a commentary on its general program, the radio said this was a major factor in Wednesday's surprise visit to Beirut by Ghali and El-Baz.

The radio said the visit was necessary in view of the failure to date of U.S. presidential envoy Philip Habib to set up negotiations on an Israeli withdrawal.

Meanwhile, four Syrian soldiers were killed and several others wounded Thursday when ambushed by unidentified militiamen near the northern Lebanese port city of Tripoli, the scene of non-stop fighting since Tuesday.

Correspondents in the region said the ambush took place three kilometers outside Tripoli and killed four Syrians of the Arab Deterrent Force stationed in Lebanon.

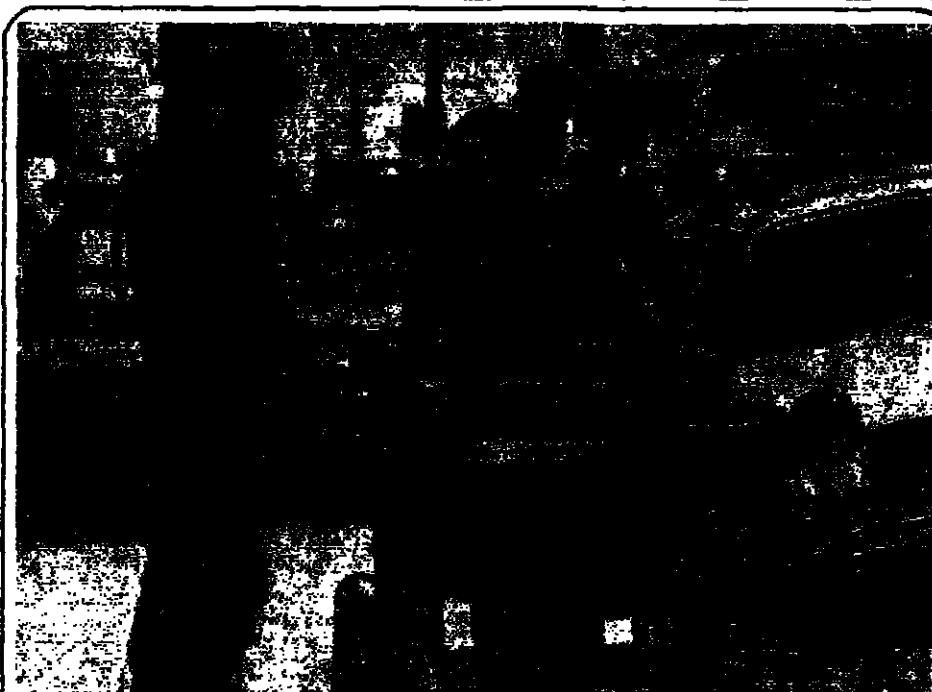
A further 13 persons have been reported killed and 80 more wounded during two days of battles between armed militia in Tripoli, where pro-Syrian and anti-Syrian militia have frequently clashed. Heavy artillery fire, which broke out Tuesday in some sectors of the city of 400,000, spread throughout Tripoli Wednesday. Fighting was reported throughout last night.

Brig. Gen. Amos Yaron, commander of Israeli forces in Beirut at the time of the killings, wrote that he was preparing a reply. Meanwhile, he said in a letter from his lawyer Uri Slonim, he hoped the commission would not act out of hindsight, but in light of "the situation that existed" when the Sept. 16-17 massacre occurred.

ments overseas, the statement said.

Lebanese President Amin Gemayel wants to increase the number of peacekeeping troops stationed in Lebanon from 4,000 to 30,000 to help his government recover control of the country when Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces withdraw.

Diplomatic sources in London said Wednesday Britain would hesitate to enter a commitment in the Middle East, when its forces were guarding the Falkland Islands from Argentina. But it was prepared to provide a training team to help build up the Lebanese national army, the sources added.



MUSIC FOR TROOPS: A French paratrooper purchases a music cassette from a mobile street vendor during a routine patrol in Beirut's Sabra refugee camp recently. Troops of the multinational force — from France, Italy and the United States — patrol Beirut and the devastated refugee camps as the city attempts to return to normal.

New Turkish law to govern political parties getting ready

ANKARA, Dec. 9 (AP) — A new law, to govern political parties, taking shape in a special committee of Turkey's Consultative Assembly, would seek to prevent tight control of the rank and file by a small group of party leaders, authoritative sources reported Wednesday.

The new law will pass the assembly and be submitted to the ruling National Security Council of Turkey's five top generals in the first week of January, the semi-official Anatolia agency reported. The drafting of new party and election laws is the second phase in the timetable of Turkey's military rulers to return this NATO-member nation to civilian rule with general elections to be held in October 1983.

The first phase was completed when a new constitution won overwhelming public approval in a national referendum Nov. 7. In order to prevent excesses of the past, bloody political terrorism perpetrated by radical leftist and rightist gangs and parliamentary paralysis, the generals brought restrictions on political party activity in the new constitution.

Radical parties, advocating Marxist, fascist

Israel, Honduras sign arms pact

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Dec. 9 (AP) — Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon Wednesday signed a military assistance pact with Honduras that includes a donation of weapons and provides for the sale of "numerous armaments," a high government official said.

The source, who asked not to be identified, described Sharon's visit as "successful" but refused to give details of the arms agreement. "We don't want Nicaragua to react violently as it has on previous occasions for lesser causes," he said.

Mubarak to meet Shultz next week

CAIRO, Dec. 9 (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak will meet U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz next week during a stopover in Rome while enroute to West Germany for a two-day visit, the semi-official newspaper *Al-Ahram* reported Thursday.

It said the two men will discuss the latest developments in the Middle East but gave no specific subject. Shultz is currently in West Germany as part of a European tour. Mubarak is scheduled to visit Bonn Dec. 13 and 14 for talks with Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher on Middle East issues and bilateral relations.

Create Palestine state, 14 neutral nations urge

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 9 (R) — Fourteen nonaligned countries Thursday urged the Security Council to adopt measures promoting the creation of an independent Palestinian Arab state.

They submitted their proposal in a draft resolution to the General Assembly as the 157-nation body, now debating the Middle East situation, heard more and more expressions of support for the concept of Palestinian statehood. The concept is opposed by Israel and the United States, which has the power of veto in the 15-nation Security Council. The council is not obliged to act on a General Assembly recommendation, but a council debate on the proposal was not excluded.

Bolivia allows PLO to open office

LA PAZ, Dec. 9 (R) — Bolivia's left-wing government has agreed to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) opening an office at a level to be defined shortly, an interior ministry statement said.

The statement was issued Wednesday night following a meeting between PLO representatives and President Hernan Siles Zuazo. "Bolivia recognizes the PLO as the

The sponsors of the resolution were Afghanistan, Cuba, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Madagascar, Malta, Pakistan, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Vietnam, Yemen and Yugoslavia. Guyana is a council member and Malta is due to join Jan. 1. They called for Israel's unconditional withdrawal from lands occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem and the Palestinians' exercise of their "inalienable rights."

Under Thursday's draft resolution, the Security Council would be asked "to discharge its responsibilities under the charter and recognize the inalienable rights of the Palestinian Arab people, including the right to self-determination and the right to establish its independent Arab states in Palestine."

only legitimate representative of the Palestine people," the statement said. It did not set any date for the opening of the PLO office and said its status would be defined with a protocol which would be signed shortly.

Elsewhere in Latin America, the PLO has official representation in Cuba, Nicaragua, and Ecuador.

Afghanistan admits 37 bomb deaths

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 9 (Agencies) — Afghanistan acknowledged Thursday that 37 persons were killed by rebel bomb attacks in Kabul last month. State-run Radio Kabul said the deaths occurred in nearly simultaneous blasts at several restaurants in Kabul's Shahr-e Nau area and in a later attack at a market. The radio said those responsible had been arrested.

Western diplomatic sources in Islamabad

Pakistan opposition leader detained

KARACHI, Dec. 9 (R) — Pakistani authorities have arrested opposition politician Fatehyab Ali Khan and ordered him detained for 30 days, family sources said Thursday.

They said Khan, leader of the Mazdoor Kisan (labor and farmers) Party, was picked up by police at his home here and taken to Karachi Central Jail. The Mazdoor Kisan Party is a member of the movement for

previously reported that more than 20 persons were killed in four explosions at three restaurants Nov. 11. The restaurants were frequented by Afghan secret police and members of the Parcham (flag) faction of the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA), the sources said. Radio Kabul also said five persons were killed and 32 wounded in two bomb blasts Nov. 24 in a market.

Restoration of Democracy (MRD), an alliance of eight banned parties including the Pakistan People's Party of executed former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

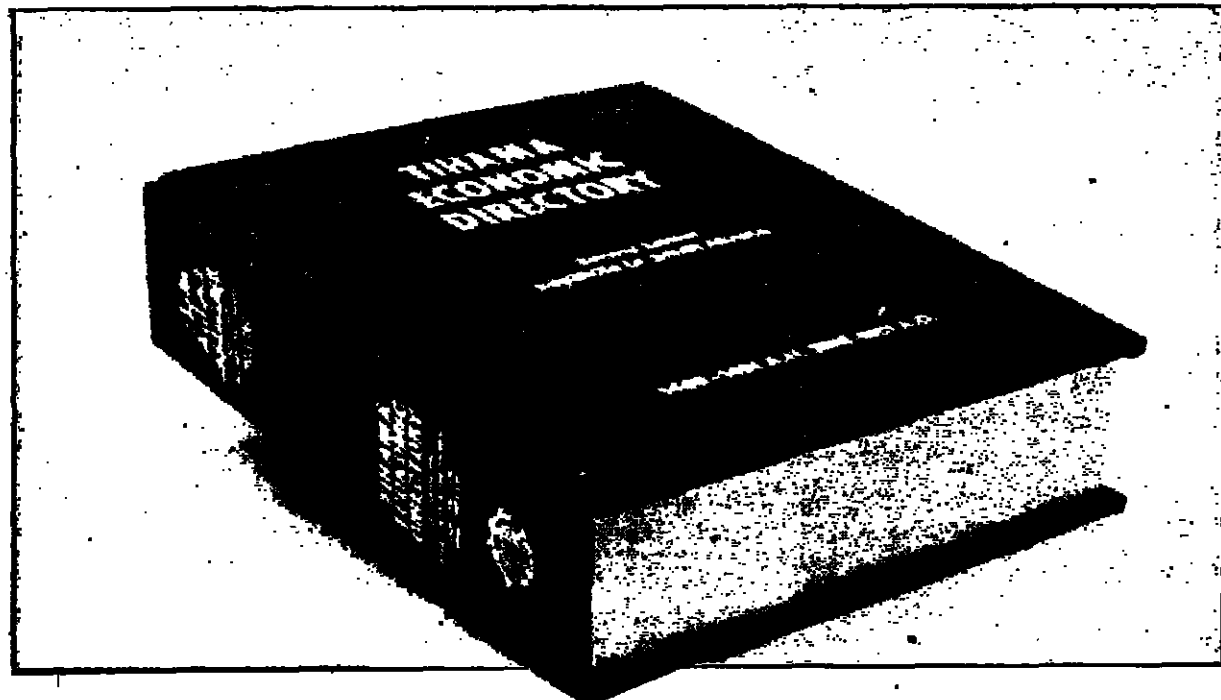
Opposition sources said the government detained more than 12 politicians last week but released five of them Saturday, the eve of President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq's departure for official visits to the United States and Canada.

S. Korea, Iraq to hold trade talks

SEOUL, Dec. 9 (AFP) South Korean Deputy Prime Minister Kim Joon-Sung will make an official eight-day visit to Iraq, beginning Saturday, at the invitation of Iraqi Trade Minister Hassan Ali, the Economic Planning Board (EPB) said Thursday.

Kim, concurrently the EPB minister, is due to hold talks with President Saddam Hussein. Trade Minister Hassan Ali and other Iraqi

government leaders to study ways to step up cooperative economic relations between the two countries, the EPB said. He will be accompanied by a seven-member entourage including Deputy Construction Minister Lee Kwan-Young, the EPB added. Iraq severed diplomatic relations with North Korea in 1980 and established them with South Korea last year.



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More Cuban troops in Angola reported

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP) — Cuba is believed to have sent an additional 10,000 troops to Angola in recent months, raising the total to 30,000, according to Central Intelligence Agency estimates.



Smith vows to stay on

SHURUGWI, Zimbabwe, Dec. 9 (AP) — Former Rhodesian prime minister, target of a passport seizure and three police searches of his homes, declared Wednesday Zimbabwe Premier Robert Mugabe's avowed policy of reconciliation between the 170,000 whites and 7.2 million blacks was "finished."

Ian Smith, 63, who was leader of the white-ruled British colony 1964-78, also vowed that he would never quit the territory despite "harassment" by officials for allegedly criticizing the track record of Mugabe's government since independence as a black-governed Zimbabwe April 18, 1980.

"I have no intention of leaving and I will continue to urge whites to stay in the country," Smith said. "But I believe Mugabe's policy of reconciliation is finished." Mugabe pledged reconciliation at independence after waging a seven-year guerrilla war to end nine decades of white minority rule.

In the last two weeks Smith has been twice detained and questioned by police for alleged anti-government activities. His ranch house at Shurugwi in the Zimbabwe midlands and a town house in the fashionable Harare suburb of Belgrave have been searched. And papers seized. His passport has been confiscated.

"I don't understand why they must constantly harass me," Smith told the three foreign journalists in an interview at his Glenora ranch 266 kilometers south of Harare Wednesday. "But if they think I have committed a crime they should take me to court."

Smith is under fire from state-controlled newspapers, radio and television for allegedly telling American journalists on a recent visit to the United States that the West should halt all aid and investment to Zimbabwe because it was heading for a one-party Marxist dictatorship.

The Washington Times newspaper, in fact, quoted Smith as saying that the West should step up aid and investment to Zimbabwe to prevent it becoming a Marxist state.

"I don't know what all the fuss is about," said Smith. "I would dearly like to leave politics and retire to my ranch here but whites recognize me as their leader and insist I stay where I am. I would be betraying them if I quit."

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stepped up military activity in Angola in recent months by South Africa and by Angola's anti-Communist rebel movement.

The officials emphasized that it is difficult to measure the number of Cuban troops because of imprecise reporting techniques. One official called the CIA figure a "guesstimate." Cuban forces first began arriving in Angola in late 1975 to support the post-colonial government there against South African military threats. In recent years, American estimates of Cuban troops strength there have been in the 20,000 range.

The Cuban troop presence in Angola has been a major stumbling block in the efforts of the United States and other Western countries to negotiate independence and black majority rule in Southwest Africa or Namibia, the South African-controlled territory bordering Angola.

South Africa has launched repeated military raids against bases in Angola maintained by Namibia's black nationalist guerrillas, the Southwest Africa people's organization. The Pretoria government with strong U.S. support, has said it will not agree to grant independence to Namibia until the Cuban forces leave Angola.

Angola has contended that the Namibian and Cuban troop issues should not be linked and said that American backing for the South African position has delayed resolution of the Namibian question. South Africa has retained its control over the mineral-rich, sparsely populated territory in defiance of U.N. resolutions.

The Angolans also have said the Cuban troops will remain as long as South African military activity on Angolan territory continues. The disclosure of the reported increase in Cuban troops strength followed an unprecedented meeting between South African and Angolan officials Wednesday in Cape Verde.

The discussions presumably addressed differences between the two countries on the Namibian question. Both governments refused comment on the talks but the U.S. State Department called the meeting a "positive development which could enhance prospects for a resolution of regional problems."

In addition to the South African raids, the Angolan government also has been under attack from an anti-Communist guerrilla movement, headed by Jonas Savimbi, in the southern half of the country. Some U.S. officials believe the Cuban troops commitment is related more to defending the Luanda government against Savimbi's forces than to the South African raids.

Zhang named envoy to U.S.

PEKING, Dec. 9 (APF) — China has named Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Zhang Wenjin — who this year led the Chinese team in negotiations with the Americans over Taiwan — as ambassador to Washington, official sources said here Thursday.

Zhang, 68, is regarded as one of China's top diplomats and diplomatic sources here said he was regarded as being flexible.

As vice minister responsible for American affairs, he led the Chinese delegation to secret talks with the Americans, at which the United States last August agreed to limit arms sales to Taiwan.

After this agreement Zhang, who speaks excellent English, was put in charge of Western European affairs. He will replace Chai Zemin who opened the Chinese Embassy in Washington in 1979 and who is believed to be retiring.

Soviet minister Khitrov relieved

MOSCOW, Dec. 9 (AP) — Soviet Minister of Rural Construction Stepan Khitrov was relieved of his post Wednesday, the official news agency Tass reported.

Tass said the presidium of the Supreme Soviet, the national parliament, named Viktor D. Danilenko, one of six deputy ministers, to replace Khitrov, who will be 72 on Dec. 14.

Khitrov's replacement is the latest in a series of major personnel changes that began after Yuri V. Andropov succeeded the late Leonid I. Brezhnev as secretary-general of the Communist Party central committee on Nov. 12. Since then, the railway minister was fired and the chief of the Young Communist League was promoted.

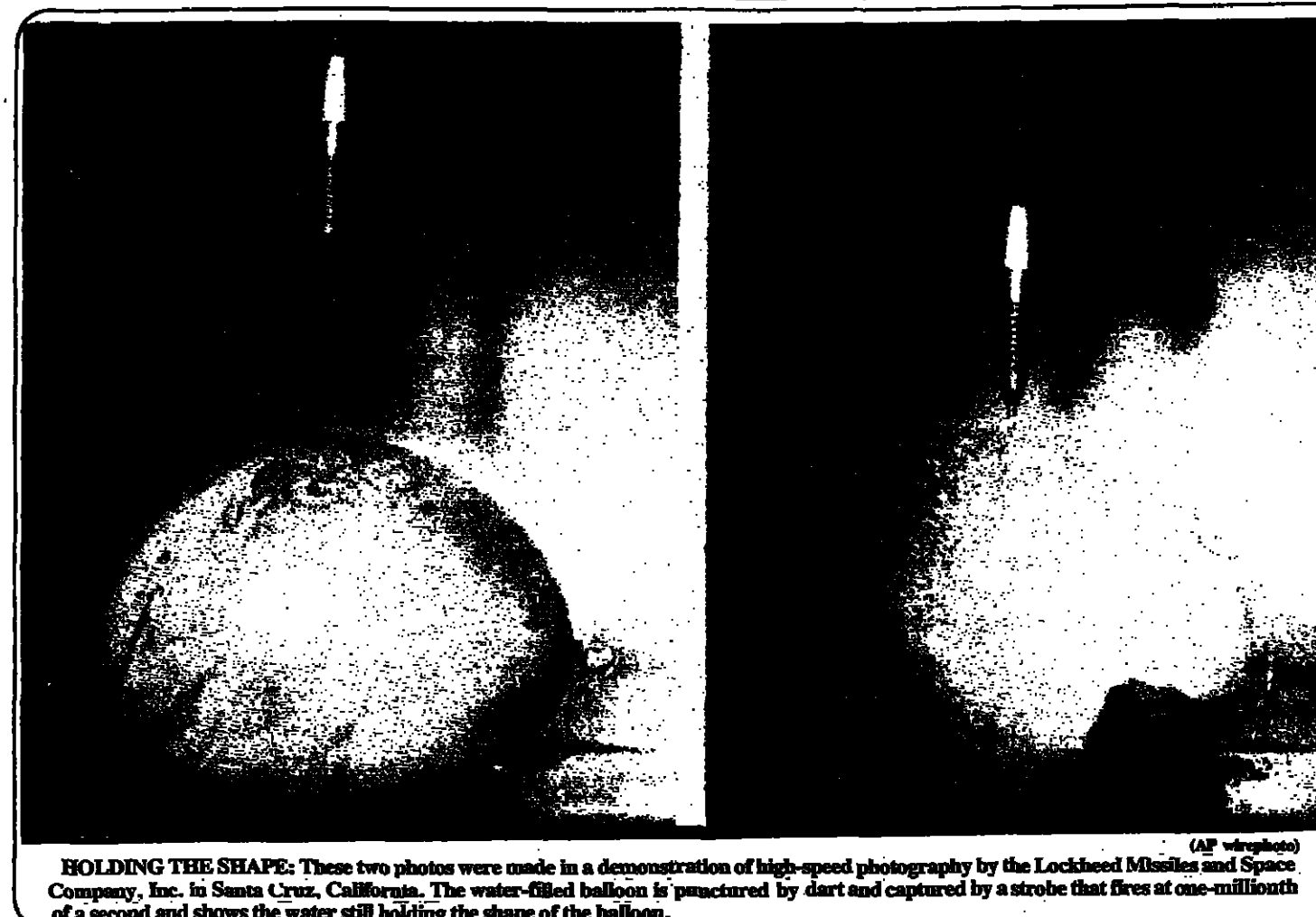
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U.S., U.K. fans pay homage to Lennon

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AP) — Dozens of people gathered Wednesday outside the Dakota, the west side apartment building where John Lennon was shot to death two years ago, to pay homage to the memory of the ex-Beatle with black candles, banners and songs.

Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, marked the second anniversary of her husband's murder by releasing a video tape offering thanks "for all the love and praise sent to us."

Ono and her 7-year-old son, Sean, still live in the Dakota, where Lennon fans gathered Wednesday for their vigil. Police kept them across the street from the century-old building that overlooks central park.

Portable stereos blared songs written by Lennon. Banners read "peace and love," there were a few elderly people in the crowd, and a few punk-style youngsters clad in leather jackets, but most of the people appeared to be from the '60s generation.

"If you had to name the person that had more influence in my lifetime, to people in

their late 20s and early 30s, John Lennon would be the one," said Tony Lupica, 31, who held a black candle.

"John was the epitome of the '60s," Lupica said. "In the '60s there were images. There are very few left."

Lennon was gunned down as he and Miss Ono arrived at the Dakota on Dec. 8, 1980, after an evening recording session. Mark David Chapman was arrested and later convicted of the shooting.

Miss Ono's videotape, sent to the ABC-TV News and talk show "The Last Word," was her first televised appearance since Barbara Walters interviewed her one year ago.

"We'd like to say 'thank you' for all the love and praise sent to us, which helped us through the hard times, and thank you for loving John," she said. "Let's have a good year and we love you."

In a related, development, Lennon's fans in his native city of Liverpool, England, paid homage to his memory Wednesday.

Richie's Truly stays on top

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AP) — Lionel Richie stayed on for a second week at the top of the U.S. single pop record charts with his hit "Truly."

"Maneater" by Daryl Hall and John Oates moved up one notch to second place in the Cashbox magazine chart, and Toni Basil's "Mickey" soared to third from seventh a week ago. Last week's No. 2 hit, Laura Branigan's "Gloria," slipped to seventh position.

In the country and Western singles field, "You and I" an Eddie-Crystal Gayle duet, took over No. 1 spot in the Cashbox magazine chart. "Somewhere Between Right and Wrong" by Earl Thomas Conley was second, and "Sure Feels Like Love" by Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers Band was third.

The ten top pop singles, as rated by Cashbox, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. Truly — Lionel Richie.
2. (3) Maneater — Daryl Hall and John Oates.
3. (7) Mickey — Toni Basil.
4. (5) The Girl is Mine — Michael Jackson and Paul McCartney.
5. (6) Steppin' Out — Joe Jackson.
6. (8) Dirty Laundry — Don Henley.
7. (2) Gloria — Laura Branigan.
8. (9) Muscles — Diana Ross.
9. (10) It's Raining Again — Supertramp.
10. (12) Healing — Marvin Gaye.

The ten top country-western singles, as rated by Cashbox, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (2) You and I — Eddie Rabbitt and Crystal Gayle.

French aid minister replaced

PARIS, Dec. 9 (AP) — The French government has carried out a limited cabinet reshuffle, replacing Development Aid Minister Pierre Cot 45, with Christian Nucci, 43, former commissioner for the French overseas territory of New Caledonia.

Cot's replacement had been expected as rumors surfaced Tuesday that he had submitted his resignation following disagreements on France's African policy. He made no statement Wednesday following a 45-minute meeting with President Francois Mitterrand.

Appointed in May, 1981, Cot had wanted to extend the activities of his ministry to the entire Third World rather than simply to those 25 African states already linked to France in cooperation agreements. With France's African partners, moreover, Cot had sought less "paternalistic" relations.

His plans were endorsed last June by President Mitterrand but ran into opposition from the African specialists in the presidency, led by Gus Penne and Mitterrand's son, Jean-Christophe.

Firmly committed to human rights, Cot

was thought to have been annoyed by Penne's presence in Libreville, Gabon last month when Gabonese authorities were imposing prison terms on their political opponents that in some cases amounted to 20 years.

He was also opposed to the government's plan to sell a second nuclear reactor to South Africa. Wednesday's move was therefore seen as an attempt to make French African policy more coherent. Significantly, Nucci's department was enlarged and given the title of "cooperation and development."

The expanded mandate seems to indicate that Cot's suggestions on broadening the scope of the ministry have been respected.

In another move, Daniel Benoit, 74, deputy mayor of the city of Nevers south of Paris, was appointed secretary of state in the Social Affairs Ministry in charge of elderly issues. He takes up a job left vacant by the appointment last August of Joseph Franceschi to a new post responsible for public security.

Labor to oppose immigration rule

LONDON, Dec. 9 (APF) — Labor is to vote against the government's new immigration rules, the shadow cabinet announced a fact that creates a dilemma for right-wing rebel Tories who also plan to oppose the rules when they are debated in the Commons next week.

The rules were designed by the government to make it easier for British women to bring foreign-born husbands into Britain, roughly along the same lines that allow British men to bring foreign wives into the coun-

try. But under pressure from Tory right-wingers, 24 of whom abstained on the issue in the Commons last month, the rules have now been watered down.

The Tory rebels said they were giving a warning to Home Secretary William Whitelaw, whom they accused of breaking a government-election manifesto pledge to cut immigration. And they said that up to 30 will vote against the government next week — probably Wednesday — when the rules come up for approval.

U.S. House set to debate immigration

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP) — The U.S. House of Representatives' Rules Committee cleared the way Wednesday for what promises to be a lengthy, emotional House debate in the waning days of the current lame duck session on a bill to overhaul the United States immigration laws.

By voice vote, the committee adopted a rule governing House consideration of the measure that will allow for practically unlimited debate.

Representative Romano Mazzoli, Republican-Kentucky, chief sponsor of the massive bill which is supported by the Reagan administration, said he hoped the House could begin to act on the measure Friday and complete action by next Tuesday. But Richard Bolling, Democrat-Missouri, chairman of the rules committee, told Mazzoli "I think you're going to have real trouble."

The rules committee itself required two days to hear all the members of Congress who wanted to testify on parliamentary procedure governing the bill. Many either said they were opposed to consideration of the legislation by the lame duck Congress or asked for unlimited debate that could prove to be a device for killing the bill this year.

Virtually the only stricture placed on House members by the rules committee in debating the measure on the floor is that they submit proposed amendments in writing in advance. The bill would establish fines and jail terms for employers who hire illegal immigrants and would also grant amnesty to millions of illegal aliens who have been living in this country for several years.

The Senate passed a substantially similar bill by the surprisingly wide margin of 80-19 last August. But since then controversy has intensified as various interest groups have pressured their forces to defeat it or change it.

Representative Edward Roybal, testified Wednesday that members of the Hispanic Caucus in the House intend to offer 75 amendments to the legislation.

Hispanic groups are lobbying to kill the measure because they say its chief effect would be to discriminate against job applicants who appear to be foreign-born. They argue that employers will automatically refuse to hire Hispanics for fear they might have entered the country illegally.

Opponents of amnesty are also vowing to press for elimination of that feature of the bill. Many have said that with unemployment at 10.8 percent now is no time to make it easier for illegal aliens to compete for jobs.

Representative James H. Scheuer, said granting legal status to those who are here illegally will encourage future illegal immigration. "It's a timebomb," he said. "We're talking about a billion people out there virtually all of whom would give their right arm to come to the United States."

Scheuer said Congress should postpone granting amnesty until the government can prove it can prevent wholesale illegal immigration.

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Due to weak demand, over supply

Spot oil prices decline sharply

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 9 (R) — Weak demand and abundant oil supplies have caused a sharp fall in spot oil prices in the last month, European traders said Thursday.

"OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) will have to come up with something pretty special when it meets next week in Vienna if it wants to halt the fall in prices," one leading trader said.

The latest fall took the price of crude oil to its lowest level since last April when it fell due to a seasonal dip in demand which occurs during the Northern Hemisphere spring.

OPEC's benchmark light crude traded Wednesday at close to \$29 a barrel, more than \$3 lower than a month ago and well below its official \$34 price.

Spot crude from Britain's North Sea Brent field, officially priced at \$33.50 was traded at below \$30 a barrel at the start of this from a

high of \$34 early last month.

Although only a small portion of the world's oil is traded on the free spot market, mainly centered in Europe, the market acts as a barometer of prices as well as of supply and demand.

Some oil market analysts found the slump in prices remarkable as it happened during the northwest European winter when demand for heating oil traditionally picks up.

The fall has also taken place despite widespread trade reports that end-users, having lived from their stocks of stored oil, would begin to re-fill their storage tanks in the last weeks of the year.

Prospects for the meeting scheduled for Dec. 19 caused market nervousness this week, but few traders actually believed it would produce an outcome which would move prices.

"End-users are quite happy to rule out the risk of possible shocks or supply disruptions and live from hand-to-mouth. One thing they're sure about is there will be no shortage of oil," one crude oil broker said.

Spot prices of important oil products have also fallen sharply in the past weeks with West European gas oil quoted at around \$290 a ton Thursday, around \$20 lower than in late October.

Meanwhile, Nigerian oil output slipped slightly in November to just under 1.4 million barrels per day (bpd) from about 1.5 million bpd in October.

December production would probably be again around 1.4 million bpd, industry sources said, and there was no sign that the government was cutting back to ensure that it would remain within the OPEC-set ceiling of 1.3 million bpd.

FCC rules to end AT & T monopoly

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP) — Declaring that the international communication market could benefit from competition, the U.S. Federal Communications Commission voted Wednesday to dissolve two 18-year-old monopolies.

The commission unanimously voted to allow the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. to enter the so-called international record market, offering telex, telegraph or special data transmission services to overseas points.

At the same time, it authorized the companies that now specialize in telex service to begin competing with AT & T for international telephone traffic.

Several firms were immediately authorized Wednesday to begin leasing private business telephone circuits, and FCC officials said they expected the companies to eventually compete with AT & T for regular overseas telephone calls dialed by consumers.

The companies that now provide international telegraph, telex or teletypewriter and data services to overseas points include the International Telephone and Telegraph Co., RCA Global Communications, the Western Union Telegraph Co., FCC Communications Inc., TRT Telecommunications Corp., and Western Union International Inc.

Zimbabwe dollar devalued by 20%

HARARE, Dec. 9 (R) — Finance and Economic Development Minister Bernard Chidzero Thursday ushered in an era of austerity for Zimbabwe, marking a final break with the euphoria created by independence only 32 months ago.

Speaking after devaluing its dollar by 20 percent against all currencies Wednesday night, he told reporters Thursday that Zimbabweans must tighten their belts and face up to a world dominated by recession.

Devaluation would be backed up by measures which would "involve an appreciation by Zimbabweans of economic reality," he said. They had to curb their demands for higher wages, more goods and better services. "We must be Spartans," he declared.

The first two years of independence produced a boom with growth averaging 12 percent a year, but the world slump finally hit home, creating a balance of payments crisis and chronic shortages of foreign exchange.

Canada to lend Egypt \$10 million

CAIRO, Dec. 9 (R) — Canada will lend Egypt 12.5 million Canadian dollars (\$10 million) to help finance construction of a thermal power station north of Cairo.

Under an agreement signed here Wednesday the interest free loan would be repaid over 40 years with a 10-year grace period.

The agreement, signed by Dr. Wajih Shindi, Egyptian minister of investment and international cooperation, and Canadian Ambassador Robert Elliott, also provided an additional 7.5 Canadian dollar (about \$6 million) grant to cover administrative cost of the \$260 million station.

Officials said another 55.2 million Canadian dollar (\$44 million) loan would be provided by Canada shortly to help complete the project.

China aims at 'socialism of riches'

PEKING, Dec. 9 (AP) — China began outlining some of the major changes its workers and industrial managers may face in efforts to shift from a "socialism of poverty" to a "socialism of riches."

While the ultimate aim is riches, some of the changes seemed likely to run into resistance.

For workers, they are aimed at abolishing the "iron rice bowl," a secure job that makes only limited demands on them, and at promoting according to merit rather than seniority.

For managers, intended price changes would force them to improve performance in industries where unreasonably high prices now assure them of easy profits.

Labor Minister Zhao Shouyi, in a nearly full-page article in the Communist Party newspaper *People's Daily*, wrote of efforts to employ more people in employee-owned enterprises rather than big state-owned enterprises. "The road of developing small collectives is the road to reforming the labor system," he said.

Zhao warned those who look down on or attack collectives or privately run businesses that they are violating current Communist

U.S. seen bowing to sea law

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica, Dec. 9 (AP) — Elliott K. Richardson, former head of the U.S. delegation to the law of the sea conference, said he believes the United States will eventually have to sign the new law of the sea treaty.

Richardson, who was removed from the U.S. delegation by President Ronald Reagan when he decided to change U.S. law of the sea policy, said Reagan's decision not to sign the treaty was "not a very practical position."

He also said it was unlikely the United States would succeed in convincing other industrialized nations to join it in mining the oceans' seabed outside the treaty umbrella.

Richardson spoke to reporters shortly after arriving here by invitation of Tommy Thong Bee Koh, president of the conference.

Richardson said U.S. investors would be reluctant to invest in any mining outside the treaty because of risks "better than 50-50" that the international court of law would declare such mining illegal.

"I do not believe there is a single U.S.

corporation which will put up a dollar to precipitate such a confrontation," he said. "It will be hard to get money from anyone."

"This is not a practical position," he said. "I don't think the Reagan administration will change its mind, but I think the United States will eventually have to change its mind once the treaty comes into force," he said.

The treaty will take effect once it has been ratified by 60 nations. "It will become increasingly clear that the U.S. navigational interests have been put in a kind of limbo by international law," he said.

By not signing the treaty, the United States will not benefit from guarantees for unhindered passage of its ocean vessels, he said. Richardson, who as U.S. attorney general under President Nixon was fired for refusing to dismiss the Watergate special prosecutor, said he doubted England or Japan would go along with the Reagan administration's plans to sign bilateral agreements outside the treaty.

Baldridge said it is possible to improve relations with Algeria while maintaining a close relationship with Morocco. He appeared to suggest the United States might try to smooth relations between the two countries when he said: "Of course there are differences of opinion between nations in the area, but we will do our best to act as a moderating influence on those."

President Chadli Bendjedid met Baldridge Wednesday to receive a message from President Reagan and to discuss "diplomatic as well as trade-related topics," he said.

Observers said the meeting was an indication that Algeria gave considerable importance to the first visit by a U.S. cabinet-level official for several years.

Baldridge refused to comment on his discussions with Energy Minister Belkacem Nabi, except to say he was "very pleased" with the minister's comments during the meeting. Two American companies importing Algerian liquefied natural gas have contracts linking the price of gas to oil under review by the U.S. government regulatory agencies.

U.K. unfolds \$50m plan for Falklands

LONDON, Dec. 9 (AP) — Foreign Secretary Francis Pym announced a \$1 million pound (\$50.5 million) economic boost for the Falklands Wednesday half the amount recommended to avert economic collapse of the war-ravaged islands.

The government's six-year economic development program for the Falklands doesn't include the two items recommended by Lord Shackleton in a 136-page report, building an airport and breaking up big sheep ranches into small farms.

"We have been guided by the need to assure the economic future of the islands through a development program, while at the same time preserving the islanders' way of life as far as possible," Pym told the House of Commons.

But Denis Healey, the opposition Labor Party's spokesman on foreign affairs, described the economic program adopted by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government as "very meagre."

"This exposes the heroic postures of the prime minister on the Falklands as cynical vote-catching," he said.

Martial law fails to push Polish economy

WARSAW, Dec. 9 (AP) — Despite official reports of upward trends in mining, production and housing, Poland's economy has shown little sign of major recovery after one year of martial law.

Economic stagnation, stirred up only by massive improvement in coal production, is in fact seen by some Western observers as a major factor in the political decision to lift martial law, which could happen by the end of this month.

"Poland's economy is very much Western-oriented," a Polish journalist who specializes in economic matters said. "It needs new Western credits and spare parts. That is one reason for lifting martial law."

Communists Party leaders and government officials had said repeatedly that Western economic credit sanctions imposed after the crackdown began last Dec. 13 would be overcome through greater assistance from the Soviet Union.

Their claim that Poland can and will solve its economic crisis, with or without Western help is based on new projections that Poland will suffer only a 1-to-2 percent decline in production this year, instead of the 14 percent drop predicted by some last December.

EEC budget parleys fail

BRUSSELS, Dec. 9 (AFP) — Three high Common Market officials held an emergency, closed-doors meeting Wednesday night to try to defuse a new crisis affecting the EEC budget, but participants failed to find a solution, reliable sources reported here.

The officials were European Parliament President Piet Dankert, EEC Commission head Gaston Thorn, and Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, head of the EEC council.

They were discussing a conflict that, according to an official communiqué issued earlier about the EEC budget as a whole, threatens the European Community itself.

The crisis has arisen from the refusal of the European Parliament's budget committee to approve — on the conditions set by the European council — the reduction of the British contribution to the EEC budget by 850 million European currency units (about \$800 million).

Sino-Japanese trade set at \$9b

PEKING, Dec. 9 (AFP) — Sino-Japanese trade is likely to total some \$9 billion this year, a drop of 13 percent on last year, a Japanese trade official told New China News Agency Thursday.

Teiji Hagihara, vice-chairman of the Japanese International Trade Association, said a figure of \$10 billion could be expected for 1984, as further contracts were buttoned up.

The \$10 billion all-time high was attained last year, but the 1983 total would probably be smaller, Hagihara indicated.

Japan is China's leading trade partner. Two-way business has soared ten-fold since 1972 when Japan established diplomatic relations with China.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Asphalting pavement and lighting of Najran	227	5,000	Jan. 15
Directorate of Health Affairs, Hail Region	Catering for Hail Hospital, 1403-4	—	500	Jan. 8
Interior Ministry, College of Internal Security Forces	Setting up a training hall	—	4,000	Dec. 18
University of Petroleum and Minerals	Maintenance of campus gardens	—	250	Dec. 15
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Supervision of Tabuk beautification project	229	1,000	Jan. 4
	Filling-in of low lying areas in Radda (Third time)	2/230	500	Jan. 16

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JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT

SHIP MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 24TH SAFAR 1403/9TH DECEMBER 1982

1. SHIPS DISCHARGING				
Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
2	Tarbela	A.E.T.	Contrs/Gen.	6.12.82
3	Golden Saudia	El Hawi	Contrs/Gen./Steel	5.12.82
4	Shabab	Mofarrij	Barley	3.12.82
5	Maldives Promot	O.Trade	Malze	3.12.82
6	Khaled	Barnaodah	Contrs/Wheat	6.12.82
7	El Hawi	El Hawi	Timber/Malze/Rice	2.12.82
8	Bao Shan	Shobokshi	Gen./Tiles	4.12.82
9	Nicol Mylo	Barnaodah	Sugar	1.12.82
10	Barber Memon	Contrs/Gen.	Reefers	6.12.82
11	Reefers Star	O.C.E.	Reefers	6.12.82
12	Stratheden	A.E.T.	Containers	6.12.82
13	Hamansu	O.C.E.	Apples/Pears	6.12.82
14	Fuamri Maru	Afrezza	Gen./Vehs.	4.12.82
15	Al Khames II	Abdallah	Contrs	6.12.82
16	Zeus - 1	O.Trade	Steel/Pipes/Gen.	5.12.82
17	Strinda	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	5.12.82
18	Recealeda Light	Alsbah	Bulk Cement	5.12.82
19	Mercur Bay	Al Rawil	Bagged Barley	4.12.82
20	Kawab One	S.C.S.A.	Containers	6.12.82
21	Saudi Eagle	Star	Beef/Chicken/Fruit	5.12.82
22	Attica Reefers	O.C.E.	Sugar/General	2.12.82
23	Pagassiticos Gulf	Altwell	Reefers	29.11.82
24	Qarough	Al Tawil	Wheat/Rice/Contrs.	25.11.82
25	Ming Hope	Minco	Contrs/Gen.	1.12.82
26	Khudzhnik Repin	A.E.T.	Contrs.	6.12.82
27	Mieczyslaw Kalinowski	Attar	Containers	7.12.82
28	Ville Du Havre	Shobokshi	Containers	5.12.82
29	Maldives Sea	O.Trade	Tobacco/Steel/Gen.	4.12.82

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SHIP MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 24.2.1403/9.12.1982 CHANGES FOR THE PAST 24 HOURS

12.14039.12.1982 CHANGES FOR THE PAST 24 HOURS				
1. VESSELS DISCHARGING:				
5.	Pacificsurfer	UEP	General	3.12.82
7.	Unify	OCE	Gen./Rice	4.12.82
8.	Lafazar	SEA	General	6.12.82
10.	Fajar	Saite	Bagged Barley	2.12.82
12.	Africa Maru	AET	Gen.Conts.	5.12.82
13.	Gold Cloud	Ori	General	5.12.82
14.	Saudi Sunrise	Ori	General	4.12.82
16.	Oriental Venus	Saite	Bagged Rice	1.12.82
17.	Barakath	Ori	General	1.12.82
19.	Wah Hing	Gosabli	General	3.12.82
24.	Mayongit	Ori	Gen./Cont.	6.12.82
26.	Ibn Al Alkani	Kanoo	Containers	6.12.82
28.	Clara Clausen	Kanoo	Live Stock	6.12.82
31.	Kaderbaksh	SEA	Rice/Gen.	5.12.82
31.	Ionio	UEP	Barley	23.11.82

Financial Roundup

Dollar maintains strength

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Dec. 9 — The dollar continued to hold onto its recent gains, with the Japanese yen and German mark losing some more ground Thursday. The money markets are suddenly switching track and focusing on short-term dollar interest rate considerations, specifically on whether the Federal Reserve Board would go ahead and cut its discount rate or not. In the meantime, Eurodollar deposit rates have begun to inch upward by about 1/16 percent to take the one-month rate to 9 - 9 1/4 percent levels, but with little difference between the shorter and longer end of the markets.

The Federal Reserve's "Fed funds" prime lending rate firmed for the second day running, with "Fed funds" closing around 8 1/4 percent after some further liquidity withdrawals out of the system by the American central bank.

On the bullion markets, gold and silver prices continued to fall Thursday, taking gold to \$442 an ounce and silver to \$10.45. Once again, gold and silver, especially the latter, have demonstrated their volatility with prices going back to the previous weekend closing levels. Gold dealers were less optimistic now that prices could stabilize above the \$450 base level, while silver's 40 to 60 cent climbs and falls shows that a stable \$11 base level is still some way off.

The local markets experienced some further reductions in short-term rial deposit levels to take the week-fixed to 6 1/4 percent levels and the one-month rate to 7 1/4 - 7 1/2 percent level. Dealers feel that the ongoing interest rate uncertainties in general world wide is also affecting rial rates which have seen a consistent and downward drop over the past few months. This should bring good news to all those borrowers in the Kingdom who had to cope with higher rate at the earlier part of the year.

On the local exchanges, spot rial/dollar rates opened at 3.4396-01 levels but closed at lower levels of 3.4393-98 due to lack of selling or buying interest. Once again, commercial demand led the way.

The British pound fell back in Europe to 1.6165 levels after the Bank of England indicated that it would not like to see any further rises in the U.K.'s commercial bank's base lending rates. The German mark fell to 2.4470 levels while the Swiss franc was also weaker at 2.0890 from 2.0760 on the Wednesday night New York bourses. The French franc was still under pressure at 6.9380 (from 6.9170 on Wednesday) while the Japanese yen was relatively unchanged at 244.10 levels.

LONDON (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	438.00
Paris	442.56
Frankfurt	444.02
Zurich	439.50
Hong Kong	438.44

Caribbean banks on U.S. aid

MIAMI, Dec. 9 (R) — Pro-Western Caribbean leaders generally seem agreed that President Ronald Reagan's aid and trade package for their region offers the best available hope of economic salvation. Now they must wait to hear if Congress will approve it.

All but one of six leaders who spoke at a conference here this week and others who attended closed-door session gave Reagan good marks for his Caribbean Basin Initiative.

The only sour note came from Bahamian Prime Minister Lyndon Findling, responding to a remark by Vice President George Bush that the upkeep of Socialist Cuba costs the Soviet Union \$9 million a day. "If Cuba is worth \$9 million a day to Russia, how much is the Caribbean worth to America?" Findling asked.

"If Russia, for \$3.2 billion a year, underwrites the cause of insurrection and totalitarian aggression in our region, how far would America go to underwrite the preservation of peace and democratic freedoms?"

All that America has underwritten so far is \$350 million which Congress has approved in emergency direct aid to four eminently "friendly" countries in the region: El Salvador, Honduras, the Dominican Republic and Jamaica.

Complicated legislation to encourage private investment with tax incentives and give most Caribbean products free access to U.S. markets for up to 10 years is stalled in the House of Representatives ways and means committee.

Bush and other administration officials, together with most of the Caribbean leaders present, agreed that this was the essential part of the Caribbean Basin Initiative in that it would bolster long-term development efforts.

The legislation is under fire from U.S. vested interests who have tried, with some success, to remove products like textiles, and shoes from the duty-free access of the policy's proposed one-way free trade zone.

The delay has left Congress with only a few days during the current "lame duck" session to approve the bill. If it does not, the administration will have to re-present the whole package to the new session of Congress which convenes in mid-January.

Meanwhile, speaker of the House of Representatives, Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. predicted that the trade and tax portions of Reagan's Caribbean Basin Initiative will be defeated if they reach the house floor.

BRIEFS

PARIS, (AFP) — French steel output dropped 11.7 percent in the first 11 months of this year to 17,260,000 tons, compared with the same period in 1981, and casting output was down 11.5 percent to 14,079,000 tons, industry figures show. In November steel production was 15.5 percent down to 1,393,000 tons, compared with the previous November, and castings down 15.2 percent to 1,129,000 tons.

BONN, (AFP) — The West German engineering group M.A.N. announced plans to lay off 1,900 workers in the first half of Party policy.

Previously, in line with the late chairman Mao Tse-tung's impatience in his later years to leap to communism, the tendency was to bigger enterprises, greater public ownership and equal pay for all regardless of how well they worked. Private businessmen were denounced as capitalists.

The current leadership of Deng Xiaoping has said this eliminated many small savings needed by the people, reduced avenues for employment and failed to produce much hard work.

Zhao said many people regard working for collectives as dangerous because these firms are responsible for their own profits and losses, without the state to rescue them, and pay according to actual work done.

But, he said, these are exactly the features that make them more productive. "Seeking to stay in a vault holding an 'iron rice bowl' and 'eating from the big pot' (equal pay for all) is running in the opposite direction from the superiority of the socialist system," Zhao said.

"If you want to say this too is socialism, then it is the socialism of poverty and not the socialism of riches," he said.

1983. Part-time working is also planned for 15,000 of the 44,500 staff to the extent of four to 10 days monthly up to July.

LONDON, (AFP) — New car sales in Britain were up 10.7 percent in November compared with a year earlier at 116,320, trade figures show. For the first 11 months of the year, sales were 1,490,728, up 4.36 percent. Imports accounted for 57.8 percent in the first 11 months. West German Ford and Belgian General Motors did especially well.

BRUSSELS, (AFP) — Textile imports from South Korea will be restricted unilaterally from Jan. 1 by the European Economic Community (EEC), the EEC commission said Thursday unless a bilateral agreement is concluded by then. South Korea is a major supplier and talks here on a bilateral deal covering the period 1983-86 were suspended Monday, with South Korea rejecting EEC proposals on an anti-brand clause.

PARIS, — Algeria announced new exchange rates for the dinar against the dollar and other major currencies which amounted to a 14.89 percent devaluation against the U.S. unit. The official Algerian news agency, AFS, said the new rate for the dollar was 4.70 dinars compared with four previously. It gave no reasons for the changes.

BUENOS AIRES, (AFP) — The Soviet Union and Argentina may sign an agreement this week for a Moscow-Buenos Aires air service operated by Aeroflot and Aerolineas Argentinas, a negotiator said here Thursday. Talks were in progress here with an Aeroflot delegation to leave this weekend.

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Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:15 p.m. Thursday

	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.10	9.135
Bangladesh Taka		14.45
Belgian Franc (1,000)		72.15
Canadian Dollar		278.50
Denmark Mark (100)	140.85	140.70
Dutch Guilder (100)	128.20	127.95
Egyptian Pound	3.25	3.28
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.25	93.70
French Franc (100)	50.00	49.65
Greek Drachma (1,000)		48.37
Indian Rupee (100)		35.43
Iranian Ryal (100)		
Israeli Dinar	6.25	
Italian Lira (10,000)	24.50	24.40
Japanese Yen (1,000)		14.18
Jordanian Dinar	9.67	9.655
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.86	11.845
Lebanese Lira (100)	86.90	86.70
Moroccan Dirham (100)	54.63	54.28
Pakistani Rupee (100)	29.25	27.12
Philippines Peso (100)		38.30
Pound Sterling	5.58	5.565
Qatari Ryal (100)	93.50	94.56
Singapore Dollar (100)		159.28
Swiss Francs (1,000)	30.20	26.79
Swiss Franc (100)	165.85	165.70
Syrian Lira (100)	60.25	60.42
Turkish Lira (1,000)		
U.S. Dollar	3.45	3.44
Yemeni Ryal (100)	75.30	75.10

	Selling Price	Buying Price
Gold kg.	48,700	48,500
10 Tola bar	5,680	5,640
Ounce	1,530	1,500

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ARMS FOR OPPRESSION

Israel's Defense Minister Ariel Sharon who, according to United States government and press, represents 'an oasis of democracy' in the Middle East, has just concluded a visit to Honduras in Central America. He did not go there to spread the merits of democratic freedoms and the parliamentary system of government to that dictatorship.

He was there to 'donate' arms and clinch a deal for the sale of advanced armaments to the government to help it tighten the noose around the necks of the majority of the population. He termed his visit 'successful' which means that he had obtained approval of his offer to increase tension in an area already enmeshed in civil wars and threatened with inter-state conflicts.

Israel used to supply arms to the despot of Nicaragua, Anastasio Somoza, one of the region's most unrepentant tyrants and feudalists until his downfall at the hands of the Sandinistas who preferred to have relations with the Palestine Liberation Organization. Israel continues to sell arms to other suppressive regimes in Central and South America to make money for its wars in the Middle East and save Washington the embarrassment of covertly supplying these regimes with arms.

Thus, Central and South American dictatorial dynasties will be assured of longer life spans and their peoples of harsher treatment. So much for the U.S.-supported 'oasis of democracy' in the Middle East.

Saudi Arabian press review

The Arab peace plan adopted at the Arab League summit to resolve the Middle East conflict provides a golden chance to the United Nations to recover its influence and prestige, *Al-Jazirah* commented Thursday.

Referring to the U.N. General Assembly deliberations over several resolutions relating to the Middle East, the paper said it was a "good opportunity for the U.N. to take once again the reins of the Middle East instead of other parties efforts to resolve the Arab-Israel conflict and the best means to do so is to adopt the Arab peace plan." The paper noted any new U.N. resolution on the Palestinian people's rights would be "useless unless the organization is able to implement its resolutions."

It said the organization was not in need of deliberations or talks but what it needed was "action and determination to implement its resolutions."

Al-Bilad said the outcome of an Arab League delegation's visit to Moscow and Peking was "another big achievement of Arab negotiators following their successful talks with American and French leaders in Washington and Paris."

Okaz deplored "the inability of the big powers to honor their

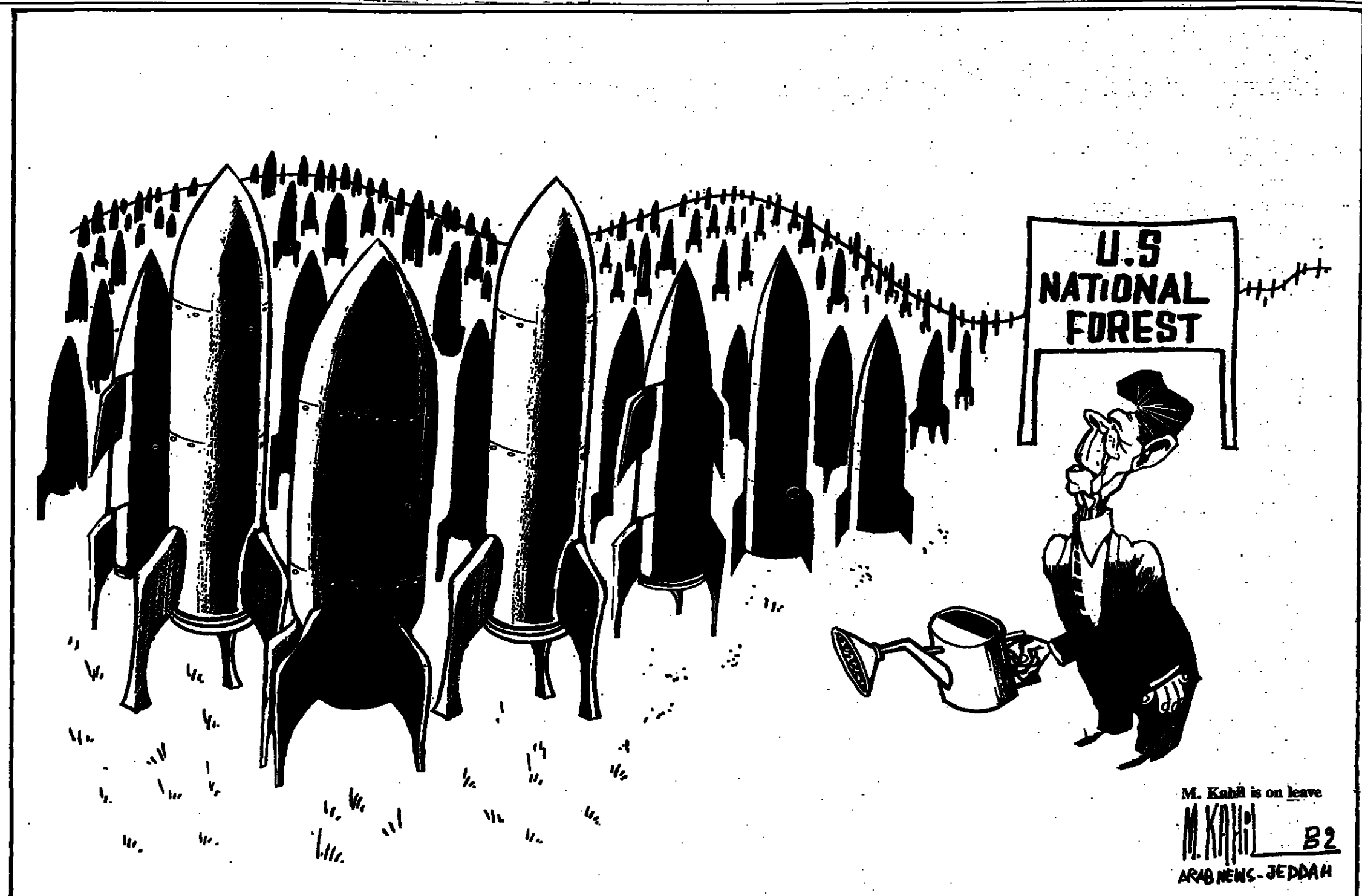
promises and words on Arab and Muslim problems." The paper noted that world peace and security depended on a just solution of the Arab-Israel conflict.

Commenting on recent clashes in Lebanon, *Al-Riyadh* called on the Lebanese people to "draw a lesson from the eight-year-old civil war and strive to come out of this ordeal." It urged them to form a strong national government to "reestablish the country's independence and ensure peace and stability in the country."

The paper warned that faction fighting would not cease in Lebanon as long as there was armed militias at large which it said only considered their leaders' interests and completely ignored the country's vital interests.

The paper said Israel would not tolerate a strong government in Lebanon and accused it of attempting to prolong its occupation of the country by lame excuses.

Al-Madina said clashes between Israeli and Lebanese troops Wednesday night was a "dangerous development in view of Israel's intentions to stay as long as it could in Lebanon." It called on Arab and friendly countries to "stand beside Lebanon in its ordeal."



Adverse MX vote severe blow to Reagan's standing

By Jeffrey Antevli

WASHINGTON — President Reagan's defeat in the House of Representatives over funding for the MX missile system is an unprecedented blow to his political standing and strategic war plans. It is also, according to weapons and strategic policy analysts, a defeat largely of Reagan's own making.

The analysts said the president created his dilemma on MX by making a major issue of U.S. vulnerability to Soviet attack during his 1980 election campaign. At the same time, he rejected President Carter's MX basing plan and the 1979 Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT-II) negotiated by three presidents.

Reagan compounded his problems in recent weeks by heavily relying on the argument that killing the MX program would undercut U.S. negotiations in Geneva who are seeking Soviet agreement to mutual arms reductions. That claim, which one Congressman called "the only decent argument

they have," clearly did not carry enough weight in the house, where the Democrats are in control and where 50 members of Reagan's Republican Party voted against him.

As a result, even administration officials conceded the chances appear slim of reversing the house action in the Republican-controlled Senate.

The house action, which did not affect \$2.5 billion in the bill for continued research and development on a basing plan for MX, left the controversial 10-warhead missile alive but still homeless, and the Senate seemed likely to go along. But the magnitude of Reagan's defeat should not be underestimated. If the full Congress kills MX production funds in the defense spending bill, it would be its first rejection of a major U.S. arms program at least since World War II.

It would, moreover, set a precedent challenging a long-time congressional practice of deferring to presidential control and responsibility over nuclear arms issues. Policy analysts said the scenario of the defeat began in 1980 when Reagan accepted the

argument, as had Carter, that the United States needed a new missile to close the "window of vulnerability."

Reagan, they say, missed an opportunity to present the opposing case: that this vulnerability is only theoretical since no rational Soviet leader would launch an attack knowing the United States could retaliate with thousands of powerful nuclear warheads from invulnerable submarines and bombers.

The analysts say there is, in any case, really no way to make land-based missiles invulnerable to destruction by increasingly large and accurate warheads, so U.S. efforts should focus on the air and sea-based deterrents. At the same time that he committed himself to closing the window of vulnerability, Reagan rejected, largely for political reasons, Carter's plan to foil Soviet targeters by shutting 200 MX missiles among 4,600 shelters.

That sent his administration back to the drawing board, despite the fact that two of his predecessors studied and then rejected virtually every conceivable

option. By rejecting SALT II and its numerical ceilings on U.S. and Soviet arsenals, Reagan gave his planners the extra burden of finding a system that would still be effective if Moscow built hundreds or thousands of additional nuclear warheads. The task has so far proved impossible, as many defense officials and outside experts predicted in advance.

Reagan's first proposal 13 months ago, to base 40 MXs temporarily in existing Minuteman silos while continuing to search for a better plan, was summarily rejected by Congress, which asked him to return this month with a permanent scheme.

The complicated and unprovable "dense pack" basing plan has done nothing to restore confidence in the weapon. The theory of dense pack is that grouping 100 MXs closely would force attacking missiles to destroy one another and leave some U.S. weapons unscathed.

More fundamentally, however, it appears that a majority in congress does not accept Reagan's argument that the house action on MX "could handcuff our negotiators at the arms table." Judging by recent experience, a congressional setback could spur the president to try harder for an agreement in Geneva. When the Senate on a 50-50 tie vote kept a proposed Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) system alive in 1969, President Nixon got the message. He negotiated a U.S.-Soviet treaty limiting each side to two ABM systems, which later was cut to one.

Arms controllers hope Reagan will agree now to give up plans for the MX if the Kremlin's new leaders agree in turn not to deploy additional intercontinental missiles. But the president may have tied his own hands with his past insistence on U.S. vulnerability and strategic inferiority, making such a concession impossible while he remains in office. (R)

Island summit keeps Caribbean pact alive

By Jeremy Taylor

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, — Twelve Caribbean leaders gathered at the little tourist resort of Ocho Rios on the north coast of Jamaica last month and in three days managed to save the Caribbean community, Caricom, from finally succumbing to the creeping paralysis that was crippling it.

"We have made an excellent start on a new period of Caribbean cooperation," said the pro-American Jamaican leader Edward Seaga, who hosted the summit at the Americana Hotel. The euphoria was echoed even by Maurice Bishop, the Grenada revolutionary leader at the other end both of the Caribbean and of the ideological spectrum from Seaga: "We have addressed the real issues," he declared.

So far, the impact of the meeting has been mainly psychological. The scattered Caribbean territories have long dreamt of integrating their tiny, fragile economies; but the major attempt, the West Indies Federation, broke up in confusion 20 years ago. Caricom, a common market underpinning cooperation, in foreign policy, education, health and transport, is all that is left of that dream. Ten years old next year, it links 12 former British colonies — the Commonwealth Caribbean islands plus Guyana and Belize — in a community of five million people and barely 100,000 square miles.

The heads of government had not met for seven

years; Caricom, with no felt presence at popular level, was becoming increasingly irrelevant; regional relations were bedevilled by trade and ideological disputes and growing fragmentation. After Ocho Rios, the Caribbean can again talk honestly of "integration."

For a while, at least. The summit produced bland compromise on many of the crucial issues on its agenda, such as ideology. Barbados had demanded an amendment to the community charter requiring members to observe specific human rights, including the holding of free elections; the move was seen as a way of "getting at" revolutionary Grenada, which has postponed elections pending the writing of a new constitution.

The Grenada leader, Maurice Bishop, countered with his own demand — a human rights clause that specified a range of economic, political, social and cultural rights, including the right to a job, and, for the first time, was able to play counsel for the defense to his colleagues, face to face and in private.

Apparently, he was persuasive: the Declaration of Ocho Rios, which the leaders unanimously agreed, restated a commitment to international human rights treaties but made no direct reference to elections, and Trinidad Prime Minister George Chambers went home explaining how important it was to keep communications open and that Bishop had confirmed his "timetable" for elections — though what form they will take, given Bishop's announcement that Westminster-type democracy is

"dead" in Grenada, was not clear.

The leaders tried to deal with criticism of the way President Reagan's Caribbean Basin Initiative is being administered. While Chambers pointed out that opposition to a program giving the Caribbean access to a market of 225 million was "unthinkable," the final declaration pointedly insisted that aid must respect the "sovereign wishes" and "national goals" of recipient countries.

The summit reaffirmed support for Belize in its territorial dispute with Guatemala, and restated its support for Guyana against Venezuela's claim to two-thirds of its land, though in terms less strong than Guyanese President Forbes Burnham wanted. The summit also made some headway in breaking the stalemate over problems like stagnant food production, trade and payments tangles, competing national airlines and the acute problem of energy.

Although demands from the left for the region to be declared a "zone of peace" did not get far, the declaration referred to "profound concern" at rising tensions resulting from increased military activity in the region, and demanded that all states respect the principles of non-interference and non-intervention. The leaders even agreed to an early follow-up meeting in Trinidad next July.

The summit was in many ways a masterpiece of diplomatic compromise, which could lead either to a new momentum for the Caribbean integration movement, or to new cynicism as the euphoria fades. (ONS)

Lee Kuan Yew tightens control

By Errol de Silva

SINGAPORE — Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew is planning to put his island republic under even firmer control by his ruling Peoples Action Party. His aim is to turn the party into a national movement that will work in unison with the government and military.

Last month, Lee amended the party constitution to allow the PAP a greater say in the affairs of state. Party sources have also disclosed that the leadership is considering the possibility of elections in which the government would be chosen on a collective basis. "This is one possibility we are studying, and you must not read it as a move to turn Singapore into a one-party state," a source said, insisting that the party was fully committed to democracy.

Lee has brought several trusted younger members of the party into the Central Executive Committee, the country's highest policy-making body, in an attempt to ensure his changes will survive. Four party stalwarts have been dropped from the committee: two deputy prime ministers, Dr. Goh Keng Swee, and Sinnathamby Rajaratnam; a former deputy prime minister, Dr. Toh Chin Chye, the founder-chairman of PAP and a senior minister of state, Lee Koon Choy, also a founder member of the party.

Others say that by declaring the party a national movement closely involved with Singa-

pore's sovereignty, Lee has set the stage for a completely new form of politics.

"A national movement ceases to be a political party, so it brings up the question of whether it should stand in an election," one source said. The PAP could justifiably call a referendum, he said, because the people had endorsed Premier Lee and his government for two decades. Thus such a government, party or a movement could take it as its right to continue in power.

But it was unlikely that Lee would move in that direction. "What is more likely to happen is for the party to seek electoral approval on a collective basis — something on the line of proportional representation, which would be extremely unfavorable to opposition groups in Singapore."

Lee's PAP has ruled Singapore since independence in 1965, and none of the dozen or so opposition groups has ever been able to mount a serious electoral challenge. Today, PAP holds 74 of the 75 parliamentary seats. Opponents accuse the government of preventing opposition through punitive measures such as the Internal Security Act, which allows detention without trial. Several opposition leaders have been imprisoned under the act.

PAP leaders reply that there should be no political dissent merely for the sake of it, and they accuse opposition politicians of falling into the hands of subversives out to destroy Singapore's stability. (ONS)

Letter to the editor

Asian coverage

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your excellent coverage on the various events of Asian Games held at New Delhi. The vivid narration on the vibrant moments of Asian village by John Crasto, your special reporter, took our minds and hearts to the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium which has united the spirit of fraternity and friendship of Asian youth from different social cultures, political ideologies & racial differentiations. On his narration of the concluding ceremony, your correspondent has rightly said, "The closing ceremony had it all: tears, hilarity and so much nostalgia as 5,000 athletes bid a friendly farewell... The bonds of rivalry broke down into a rare camaraderie and friendship... New records were set, new targets achieved and new friendship forged."

As fellow Indians living abroad, we are proud and congratulate the Indian leadership on proving its worth in organizing such a world event in spite of the threats of social violence and monetary shortages. It has been proved once again beyond any doubt that the new international order for world peace and fraternity can be achieved more by social and cultural amalgamation of our younger generation rather than signing political treaties at the conference tables.

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Thought for today:
The superiority of a learned man over one who only worships is like the superiority of the moon when it is full, covering the stars. The learned are the heirs of the Prophets who do not leave a legacy of dirhams and dinars. He who acquires knowledge acquires a vast portion. Prophet Muhammad

Islam in perspective

What the Qur'an teaches

In the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Beneficent

Alif. Lam. Ra. This is a Scripture with verses which have been set out with perfection and then expounded in detail, bestowed on you by Him who is wise, all-aware: Worship none but Allah. I come to you from Him as a warner and a bearer of glad tidings. Seek forgiveness of your Lord and then turn toward Him in repentance. He will grant you a goodly enjoyment of life (in this world) until a time appointed. He will grant everyone with merit a full reward for his merit. But if you turn away, then, I, indeed, dread for you the suffering of a great day. To Allah you shall all return, and He is able to do all things.

(Houd 11: 1-4)

The message spelled out

These few verses of the opening of *surah Houd* set out the main fundamental principles of faith: revelation and the divine message; no one to be worshipped or served but Allah alone; Allah's reward in this life and in the hereafter to those who follow His guidance and implement His way of life; His punishment in the hereafter of those who disbelieve, and the return of everyone to Allah; His absolute power and limitless authority.

"Alif. Lam. Ra." These words stand for the letters A, L, R. Like other single letters which occur at the beginning of *othersurahs* they set a challenge to the disbelievers. The challenge is that Allah's book is composed of such letters as people use in their speech and writing, but no matter how they try, they will not be able to produce anything similar to it. The three letters constitute the subject of the first sentence, while the rest of the first verse is the predicate.

"This is a Scripture with verses which have been set out with perfection and then expounded in detail, bestowed on you by Him who is wise, all-aware." The Arabic term which is rendered here in translation by the phrase "set out with perfection" also denotes firmness of structure and precision of meaning. Every word, every phrase is used carefully to give exactly the required meaning. There is no conflict or contradiction between them and they are well expounded. Each is used in the proper place, under the proper heading, in order to give the proper meaning.

Obviously the one who has so structured them firmly, and expounded them precisely, is not the messenger; he is Allah: "bestowed on you by Him who is wise, all-aware." His wisdom helps set their firm structure and His comprehensive knowledge helps provide their details with clarity.

These verses contain the fundamental principles of faith: "Worship none but Allah" signifies that man should submit himself only to Allah, and obey none but Him. "I come to you from Him as a warner and a bearer of glad tidings." This refers to the message and the warnings and the glad

tidings it contains.

"Seek forgiveness of your Lord and then turn toward Him in repentance." What ever sin one commits, it must be followed by a return to Allah and submission to Him. "He will grant you a goodly enjoyment of life in this world until a time appointed. He will grant everyone with merit a full reward for his merit." Good reward then awaits those who repent and seek forgiveness.

"But if you turn away, then, I, indeed, dread for you the suffering of a great day." This is a self-evident threat to those who turn away. Finally, the return to Allah who has absolute power: "To Allah you shall all return, and He is able to do all things."

As the verses of the Scripture establish these important principles, the whole structure of the Islamic faith is raised on them. Indeed no religion may establish itself and delineate a complete way of life for mankind without first establishing these principles.

That all people should submit themselves to Allah alone is the central point in matters of faith. It is the point where people are either liberated from the shackles of uncontrolled imagination, superstition and false authority or continue to be enslaved by diverse deities, people who claim to be intermediaries between Allah and ordinary people, rulers and dictators who usurp the main quality of godhead, namely, the authority to rule and legislate, and subjugate people to their own false authority.

No social, political, economic or moral system, whether national or international, may be established on clear and well-defined principles which are not subject to personal desire and distorted interpretations unless the doctrine of the oneness of Allah is well established clearly and precisely. People cannot release themselves from the pressures of fear, humility and anxiety and enjoy the true noble status with which Allah has favored them unless the concept of Allah's absolute power and authority to legislate is accepted without question and claimed in no way by any person or creature.

Through history, the conflict between ignorance and Islam, and the battle between

ween truth and falsehood was not over the fact that Allah is the Lord of the universe who conducts its affairs and establishes its laws of nature. The conflict has always been over who is the Lord of mankind, who enacts their legislation and sets their laws and to whom they must submit. Tyrants of all colors and creeds have been usurping this right for themselves and by practicing it in life they subjugate people to their own power and enslave them. The divine messages and the Prophets and the advocates of Islam have always struggled to regain this usurped right in order to establish a society which acknowledges that only Allah has this right.

Allah (glorified be He) is in no need of anyone. His kingdom is neither increased by the obedience and worship of the believers nor is it decreased by the disobedience of anyone or by the tyranny of dictators. It is human beings who live in abject humility when they submit themselves to anyone but Allah and they gain in dignity, nobility and honor when they submit to Allah alone and free themselves from subjugation to any creature. Since Allah wants His people to live in dignity and honor He has sent His messenger to try to make mankind return to the worship of Allah alone and to liberate them from being subjugated by fellow creatures. This is for their own good, not for the benefit of Allah who is in no need of anyone.

Submission to Allah alone means the acknowledgment of His Lordship which, in turn, means that He is the master who can conduct their affairs with His own legislation and commandments. This is the subject matter of Allah's book, as stated at the opening of this *surah*: "This is a Scripture with verses which have been set out with perfection and then expounded in detail, bestowed on you by Him who is wise, all-aware: Worship none but Allah." Indeed this is the meaning of worship as recognized by the Arabs in whose language the Qur'an was revealed.

The acknowledgment of the message is essential to the acceptance of the concepts it aims to establish. Any doubt that all this comes from Allah will destroy its due respect in people's minds and consciences. Those who think that it comes from Muhammad, no matter what degree of greatness they assign to Muhammad, cannot look on it with the same degree of binding respect which make anyone hesitate before violating any of its major principles or minor details. Indeed, it is the feeling that the message and the faith it establishes come from Allah which causes those who contravene it to feel uneasy until they return eventually to Allah. It also makes the believers stand firm and resist any pressure to which they may be subjected.

Acceptance of the message also provides a controlling factor which defines what Allah wants of His servants. Thus in matters of faith and submission to Allah, people acknowledge only one source. No one will

then be able to claim that what he says or legislates comes from Allah. He will be confronted with the fact that his claim is false.

In all forms of ignorance some person or institution claims the authority to legislate and to establish values and traditions and then says, "This comes from Allah," such confusion cannot be resolved unless Allah's word is derived from one source, namely, Allah's messenger.

To seek forgiveness of one's sins is evidence that one's heart is alive, recognizes the offense committed and is keen on repenting. Repentance means the actual stopping of committing sins and starting doing what Allah has bid us to do. This is the practical meaning of repentance, without which it has no real existence, and hence, it cannot be accepted and no forgiveness can be granted. If someone claims, then, that he has decided to mend his ways and to be a true Muslim, without submitting himself to Allah alone, and accepting only His legislation, conveyed to us through the Prophet, his claim remains false. It is belied by his submission to some authority other than Allah.

Giving glad tidings to those who repent and warning those who turn away are fundamental to the message and its conveyance. They utilize the two elements of hope and fear, which are well established in human nature, and which together give very strong and genuine motivation.

To believe in the hereafter is necessary for us to feel that beyond this life there is divine wisdom, and that the goodness to which the divine messages have called is the purpose of life, and must, therefore, be rewarded either in this life or in the hereafter when human life reaches its perfection. Those who deviate from the way of life Allah has established and from His purpose of this life are those who sink down and suffer. This should work as a guarantee for the upright human nature from deviation. Thus, if one is overcome by a fleeting desire or yields to temptation he soon turns toward his Lord in repentance. Thus life continues in its good way, on this planet which has been made suitable for human life. To believe in the day of judgment is, therefore, not only a method for gaining reward in the hereafter, as some people think; it provides a motive to be good in this life and to work for its proper development. It must be observed that such development is not an end in itself, it is simply a means to establish the sort of life which befits man in whom Allah has blown of His own spirit, and elevated him above many of His other creatures in order to make the goal of his life much more sublime than the goal of animal life.

This is the reason why the verses of the Scripture which has been made perfect and clearly expounded, call upon us to seek Allah's forgiveness and to turn to Him in repentance which is the beginning of good action which Allah rewards both in this life and in the life to come.

Life of the Prophet-88

The war breaks out

By Adil Salahi

The Prophet marched on with his seven hundred companions until they arrived at Uhud which was a mountain with numerous well-defined passages and routes and intersected by a number of valleys, stretching out into a wide semi-circle opposite the narrow plain where Quraish has encamped. There were numerous pockets in its slopes where soldiers could hide in a defensive strategy. The Prophet encamped by the side of the mountain, close to a hill overlooking the plain, called Mount Aina. The Prophet marshaled his troops, taking advantage of the position of the hill so that they would face their enemy with the hill to their back providing protection against any possible pincer attack. He placed fifty marksmen, who were good with the arrows, on top of Mount Aina, giving their command to Abdullah ibn Jubair.

The Prophet's strict orders to these marksmen were that they should protect the Muslims from behind and not to allow the enemy to overrun their positions at any cost. He also ordered them not to leave their positions whatever the outcome of the battle. This last order the Prophet stressed so strongly that he told them that they were not to move even if they saw with their own eyes their fellow Muslims being killed right, left and center. If Quraish's horsemen were to try to climb the hill in order to attack the Muslims from behind, they were to repel them with their arrows. When the Prophet had marshaled his troops he spoke to them encouraging them to fight and exert their maximum efforts. He also told them not to start fighting until he gave the order.

At that moment the enemy troops appeared in the plain underneath, and the two armies were now face to face. The women from Quraish were singing and playing music to encourage their troops and lift their morale.

When the two armies stood facing each other, Abu Sufyan, now the undisputed leader of Quraish started implementing the strategy he had devised. He addressed the Ansar in the vain hope of splitting the ranks of the Muslims. He said to the Aws and the Khazraj that Quraish did not have any quarrel with them and that they did not wish to fight them. If the Aws and the Khazraj, the two tribes of the Ansar, would leave Quraish to settle their score with their kinsmen, i.e. the Muhajireen, then they had nothing to fear from Quraish. No one replied and no one was interested in what Abu Sufyan said.

Next stood the man who used to foretell that the Prophet was soon to appear but when the Prophet emigrated to Madinah he left his people, the Aws, and joined Quraish with fifty of his kinsfolk. Now, this man, Abu Amer, tried his piece, hoping to persuade his tribesmen to leave the Muslim ranks. He called on the Aws to respond to him. A response was made, but it was the opposite of what he used to assert to Quraish. He said to what he was the undisputed leader of the Aws and that they will not do anything which displeased him. Now their response was to curse and stone him. Humiliated, he ran back to Quraish, saying: "Some unknown evil had overtaken my people after I left them." Thus Quraish failed in its two initial aims: to take the Muslims by surprise, and to cause a split in their ranks. The only option left to them was to fight.

Quraish started the battle with an attempt to encircle the Muslims with a pincer movement. The left flank of the Quraish army, commanded by Ikrimah ibn Abu Jahl, tried to turn around the Muslims but was unable to accomplish its purpose. The right flank, commanded by Khalid ibn Al-Waleed, then made a similar attempt to achieve the same purpose. It was, however, repelled by a heavy bombardment with the arrows from the unit on top of Mount Aina. The two armies were back to their starting positions.

A man came out from the ranks of the unbelievers calling for a duel. Al-Zubair ibn Al-Awwam accepted his challenge and fought him and killed him, to the delight of the Muslims who shouted their ever-inspiring slogan Allah is the greatest. The battle now began in earnest and the Muslims were ready to repeat their splendid victory at Badr. The fact that they were fighting an enemy four times their number did not discourage them. Indeed, to most of them victory was a certainty which was soon to come to pass, because they have long realized that victory is granted by Allah.

An incident which epitomizes the attitude of the Muslims in the battle of Uhud was that of Abud Dujanah, Simak ibn Kharashah. The Prophet held out a sword in his hand and asked his companions as he was marshaling them: "Who takes this sword for its proper value?" Several men showed interest but the Prophet did not give it to any of them. Abud Dujanah, however, stood out and asked: "What is its proper value, messenger of Allah?" The Prophet answered: "That you strike the enemy with it until it is bent." Abu

Dujanah said, "I take it for its proper value." Abud Dujanah was known to be a brave fighter, and he used to walk at the time of war in a certain way which showed pride. He took out a red band and tied it around his head, a gesture he did to signify that he was ready to fight. When the Prophet saw him doing that he said, "This type of walk is hateful to Allah except at the time of war."

As the battle raged on Abu Dujanah fought hard and killed everyone who tried to stop him. While Abu Dujanah was moving on in this fashion, there was an enemy soldier who made it his duty to seek anyone of the Muslims who was wounded and kill him. Soon he found himself face to face with Abu Dujanah and each of them leveled a strike at the other. Abu Dujanah managed to avert the strike of his opponent with his shield and killed him. Then he moved on and met another soldier wearing a mask. As he was about to strike him the soldier cried out and Abu Dujanah realized that he was facing a woman. He let her go because, as he said later, he felt it was improper to strike a woman with the Prophet's sword. That woman was Hind bint Utbah.

As the battle raged, it was clear to everyone that it surpassed all previous encounters between the two sides in its ferocity. The Muslims concentrated their attack on the unit which held the flag of Quraish. Traditionally, the clan of Abduddhar had the honor of holding the flag of Quraish in any battle. Since their showing in Badr was not very impressive, Abu Sufyan spoke to them before the breakout of war saying that it might be better to give the flag to some other unit, if the Abduddhar fighters were to give a similar performance to that of Badr. Abu Sufyan's intention was really to provoke them so that they would be determined to put in a good fight. They told him that on one will be able to criticize their performance this time.

Their performance was impressive, indeed, by any standard. As the Muslims concentrated their attack on them the Abduddhar fighters fought back with courage and determination. But they were no match to their attackers. Talhah ibn Abu Talhah, the Quraish flagholder was soon killed by Ali. The flag was then held by his brother, Uthman who was killed, in turn, by Hamzah, and the pattern was repeated. No less than seven brothers carried the Quraish flag and they were all killed. Three more of their relatives were also killed as they held the flag. The flag was then on the ground and the Quraish army was in chaos.

It was the smaller army who was putting the more determined fight. Although Quraish came to avenge its previous defeat, the Muslims had higher hopes and stronger inspiration to do well in battle. After all, they were defending their faith. It was not surprising, therefore, that they fought hard and they were in no time gaining ground on their enemy. Hamzah ibn Abdulmuttalib, the Prophet's uncle, who was the scourge of Quraish in the battle of Badr repeated his exceptional performance. He killed at least two of the flag-bearers as well as some other Quraish soldiers. But he had an enemy whom he could not see.

Wahshi, an Abyssinian slave, was an excellent marksman with the spear. His master, Jubair ibn Mufim, had promised to set him free if he killed Hamzah, to avenge the killing of Jubair's own uncle, Tustamah ibn Addi, who was killed in Badr. Hind bint Utbah, Abu Sufyan's wife, who lost her father, brother and other relatives in Badr also promised Wahshi a good reward if he killed Hamzah. Wahshi was with the Quraish army, but he did not take part in the actual fighting. He only looked for Hamzah until he saw him fighting with exceptional courage. As Hamzah was closing on a man from Quraish called Sabbah ibn Abduluzza he came within the range of Wahshi's spear. Hamzah missed Sabbah's head with his sword when Wahshi aimed his spear at him and hit him in his lower abdomen. The spear went through his body and appeared between his legs. He tried to move toward Wahshi but he could not and fell down. Wahshi waited until Hamzah died and went to pull his spear out. As Wahshi did not have any more interest in the fighting he left, having ensured his freedom.

Hind bint Utbah, who for a full year has nursed her grudge against Hamzah who killed her father in Badr, now started to disfigure him. She opened his tummy and took out his liver and tried to eat it. She could not cut it with her teeth, so she threw it out.

The death of Hamzah, however, did not much affect the way the battle was going. It was soon very clear that the Muslims were gaining the upper hand. Confusion spread in the Quraish army. Many of its soldiers started to run away. The Muslims, on the other hand, started to collect their booty.

This, however, was round one, which went clearly in favor of the Muslims. The battle was by no means over yet.

(To be continued next Friday)

The beneficiaries of zakah-9: Sharing out funds

It is not surprising, that Islamic scholars, of all generations, have given careful attention to the subject of spending *zakah* and how it should be shared out among the eight classes of its beneficiaries. It is, perhaps, useful to remind ourselves here of the eight classes of beneficiaries as outlined in the sixtieth verse of the ninth *surah*, "Repentance". The verse may be rendered in English as follows: "The offerings given for the sake of Allah are due only to the poor and the needy and those who are in charge thereof, and for the freeing of slaves, and for every struggle in Allah's cause, and for the wayfarer: this is an ordinance from Allah; and Allah is all-knowing, wise."

Scholars differ a great deal as to whether all the eight classes must benefit from *zakah* at any one particular time. Their views range from those, like El-Shafie, who feels that *zakah* funds should be shared equally by the eight classes, to those in the Hanafi school of thought who claim that paying *zakah* to one person from any one class is sufficient for the fulfillment of its purpose.

A full presentation of these different views and a comparison between the conflicting arguments that lead to them is beyond the scope of the present series of articles. Since we have drawn largely on the works of Dr. Yusuf Al-Qaradawi in the preparation of these articles the conclusions he has drawn after presenting the opposing views and arguments is useful to quote here.

If *zakah* funds are plentiful and the eight classes of beneficiaries are available, and their needs are more or less the same, then the funds should be shared out by all of them. No class of them may be excluded as long as its need is legitimate. The Muslim ruler, or

the official authority which looks after the collection and distribution of *zakah* must be careful so as not to exclude any class.

When we distribute *zakah* funds among the eight classes of beneficiaries which we are certain to be available we need not assign to each class exactly the same amount. The criterion to be applied here is the number of

beneficiaries in each class and their actual needs. We may have in any region a thousand poor people and only ten debtors or wayfarers. How can we give the ten debtors an amount which is equal to what we give to a thousand poor persons? It is preferable in this respect to adopt the view of the Maliki school of thought which recommends a larger share

of *zakah* funds to the class which has the largest number of beneficiaries and the most pressing need.

The whole fund of *zakah* may be allocated to any permutation of the eight classes, in order to fulfill a legitimate need which cannot be fulfilled without the exclusion of one or more particular classes. Furthermore, when we distribute *zakah* among the people in any one class we are not required to share it out equally among its members. Some may be given more than others. What is important, however, is that our preferential treatment must serve a definite interest. It must not be the result of our own preferences and prejudices. We must also maintain a measure of justice among all these classes and individuals. Islamic scholars have stressed the importance that such preferential treatment must not be unjust. They give such examples of injustice as one debtor may be given more than enough to settle his debts while another is paid less than the amount of his debt. If we give one wayfarer enough to help him reach his hometown and give another an amount less than what he needs to reach his destination then we are unfair. Similarly unfair treatment may be in the form of giving one poor person enough to meet his own and his family's needs while we give another less than is sufficient for him and his family. If such preference is not based on any valid reason then it is unfair. The Muslim ruler, however, may give preference to a certain person by giving him more than his fellow beneficiaries if such a person, qualifies for *zakah* benefits in more than one way. One person, for example, may be poor and in debt, and employed by the *Zakah* Department and, at the same time, take part in the struggle for Allah's cause. Giving such a person preferential treatment is not unfair.

EVENTS OF ISLAMIC HISTORY 08 AH

— The year was known as Istawa or Fatah indicating the conquest of Makkah in Ramadan.

— The year began on Monday, May 1, 629 C.E.

— Ghazwa Mautah: Harith bin Umair was sent to Busras as envoy. The Christian Arab chief Shurajel killed him. Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) sent an army of 3,000 under Zaid bin Haritha. The Christian chief collected a large Roman army of about 100,000, who surrounded the small Muslim force. Muslims lost three commanders one after another, i.e. Zaid bin Haritha, Jaafar bin Abi Talib and Abdullah bin Rawaha. The fourth, Khalid bin Waleed, retreated safely and returned to Madinah. (Jamad 1)

— Conquest of Makkah: The Quraish abrogated the peace treaty of Hudaibiyah. Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) marched at the head of 10,000 army composed of Bann Aslam, Ghifar, Muzannah, Asjia and Juhaina tribes against Quraish. Abu Sufyan, the Makkah chief, accepted Islam and the city surrendered without resistance. A small band fought with Khalid bin Waleed who lost three Mujahideen and killed 13 pagans. (Ramadan)

— Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) entered the Harem on Friday, 20th Ramadan and

ordered demolition of all idols in and around Kaaba. He delivered his famous sermon and granted general amnesty to the Makkans who had been his bitter enemies.

— Abu Sufyan, Aqeel bin Abi Talib, Ala bin Wahab and Surraq bin Ja'sham accepted Islam.

— The Hawazen and Thaqeef tribes arranged a large army for a sudden attack on Muslims in Makkah. Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) marched with 12,000 Mujahideen, which also included about 2,000 Muslim pagans of Makkah. The battle was fought at Humain. The pagans were well entrenched. The Muslim force lost heart and fled in the first attack. Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) stood alone in the forefront and called his favorite companions. The Muslims responded to the call and routed the enemy arresting 6,000 prisoners. (Shawwal)

— The 6,000 prisoners were released on the request of Bann Saad who had nourished the Prophet (S.A.W.) in his boyhood days.

— The defeated pagans took refuge in Taif which was besieged by Ali bin Abi Talib.

— Ibrahim, the son of Holy Prophet (S.A.W.), was born to Maria. (Ziljilja)

— Sayyeda Zainab, the daughter of Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) and Urwa bin Zubair, died.

— Abu Tariq Hijazi

Our Dialogue

Violation of human laws

Q. Islam, as you have rightly explained in the course of a reply to another question, does not recognize national boundaries. But all the same, they are there with the unhappy result that a Muslim living in a non-Muslim country or under a government which, though of Muslims, does not base its laws on *Sharia*, has to obey and conform to many rules and regulations even when some of them conflict with his notions of what is right and what is wrong, or what is permissible and what is not. In such a situation, how far is it binding on a Muslim to obey the civil laws of his country? To cite one example: the customs rules of certain countries prohibit importing gold from abroad even for personal uses. Suppose a person violates these rules and tries to carry some gold either by hiding or giving false declaration, can it be justified on grounds that he is not violating any divine law?

For another example, we have the income tax acts in certain countries under which all those with income above a certain level are required to pay tax to their governments on the basis of their net income at the rates prescribed from time to time. If a Muslim tries to circumvent these rules either by evading the tax altogether or by not revealing the extent of

his taxable income, will he be doing something which will invite Allah's punishment?

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Q. I have heard many people say that smuggling is un-Islamic. What is wrong with bringing an article from one country to sell it in another?

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A. Such questions are often asked by people who mean well and feel that the only laws to be obeyed are Allah's laws. This is certainly true, but Allah tells us to obey Him and to obey the Prophet and to obey the rulers from among us. (*Surah* 4, verse 59). Muslim scholars agree that any Muslim government may enact legislation to conduct any affair of the society as long as such legislation does not contravene Allah's laws. This means that it is within the power of any government to organize imports and exports, make traffic regulations or rules for the licensing of buildings and shops as long as it does not adversely affect the interests of the society. Muslims are required to abide by such legislation. We cannot have a situation where every individual can decide for himself whether any action he wants to do is legal or not. It is the government's privilege and responsibility to look after the interests of the society as a

whole. Governments are certainly accountable for what they do. If they legislate in order to organize the affairs of the society, then they commit no offense as long as their legislation remains within the laws of Allah. Islam expects of Muslims to be law-abiding. If a government, however, enacts a legislation which clearly contravenes the laws of Islam, such as making it a legal offense for anyone to fast in the month of Ramadan, such a law must be disobeyed, because fasting in the month of Ramadan is obligatory for every Muslim by Allah's laws. The law of no government can supersede Allah's law.

Contravening government regulations may also lead to contravening Allah's law itself. If someone who wants to avoid a penalty under the laws of smuggling gives a false declaration, then he is guilty of lying. All lying is forbidden, whether one lies to an individual or to a government. When the Prophet was asked about various sins and whether they may be committed by a person who is a believer, he answered to all of them in the affirmative but when he was asked whether a believer lies he said: "No, a believer does not lie."

My advice here is that one should abide by the laws of the country he lives in as long as these laws do not contradict any injunction of Islam.

Who is a martyr?

Q. Who is considered a martyr or *shaheed* in Islam? Can we consider a soldier who fights for his country and dies in battle as a *shaheed*? If a war breaks out between two Muslim countries would the soldiers who die in that war from both sides be considered *shaheeds*? If a person dies in a car accident or a plane crash or if he is drowned in a river would he be considered as *shaheed* as well?

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A. Martyrdom is a great honor which Allah bestows on those who fight for his cause, defending it against its enemies, and dies fighting for it. Fighting in this connection is not limited to actual warfare. A man may fight for a cause by a variety of ways. Since the attacks against Islam are not always confined to military action any proper method to repel such attacks and preserve the purity of Islam or the land where Islam is practiced and implemented may be considered within the terms of fighting for Allah's cause. If in so doing one loses one's life then he is a martyr.

Facing up to tyranny of any sort is certainly a form of *jihad*, which is the Islamic term for fighting for Allah's cause. The Prophet says: "The best form of *jihad* is to face a tyrannical ruler with the word of truth." Again, if some-

one stands up and raises his voice in opposition to a despotic ruler, reminding him that he must not contravene the commandments of Allah and then finds himself arrested and executed by that ruler for doing so, then he is a martyr of high distinction. The Prophet teaches us: "The most noble of martyrs are Hamzah ibn Abdulmuttalib (the Prophet's own uncle) and a man who stands up to a tyrant and tells him to do what is right and not to do what is wrong and get killed in the process."

Having said that, we can only apply the Prophet's own definition of the person who fights for Allah's cause. The Prophet was asked about several types of fighters such as the one who fights because he is brave, and the one who fights in order to be known, and the one who is motivated to fight by his loyalty to his tribe or nation or whatever: which of them fights for Allah's cause? The Prophet's answer was: "He who fights in order that Allah's word reigns supreme fights for Allah's cause." Thus He gives us the criterion to judge any fighter and any person who dies in war. For a martyr can only be a man who fights for Allah's cause. What this means is that even if the battle itself is an Islamic one, fought for Allah's cause, and the ultimate purpose is to serve Allah, the person who joins that battle and fights in the Muslim

camp can only be judged by his own motives. If he is fighting because he believes in the cause of Allah and wants to serve it and gets killed in the process then he is a martyr. On the other hand, if he fights because he is forced to, or because of loyalty or patriotism — then he is not considered a martyr if he dies in that battle.

For Muslims to fight one another is a grave sin. The Prophet teaches us: "If two Muslims face each other with their swords then the killer and the killed are in Hell." When he was asked why the person who gets killed goes to Hell as well, his answer was: "Because he was keen on killing his opponent."

A person who is killed in an accident or is drowned is considered a martyr, but he does not have the same rank as the one who achieves martyrdom through fighting for Allah's cause. The latter is admitted to heaven without having to account for his actions on the Day of Judgment. Allah forgives him all his sins the moment he is killed fighting for Allah's cause. A person who dies in an accident has done nothing to earn such forgiveness and he has to account for his actions. So, the difference between the two types of martyrs is great indeed.

Before being ejected

King puts Knicks on safe ground

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AP) — The New York Knicks, whose offense has sputtered late in National Basketball Association games all season, had every reason to let it happen again, but they didn't.

Bernard King, after scoring 43 points, was ejected with two minutes to play and the Knicks leading Detroit Pistons 106-105 Wednesday night. But the Knicks held on to win the game 120-109.

The Knicks are the lowest-scoring team in the NBA and have been held under 100 points 13 times in 20 games. When King was ejected for swinging at Detroit's John Long, it looked like the Knicks might be frustrated again, as they were Tuesday night when they were scoreless in the last 4 1/2 minutes and lost to Chicago.

In other NBA games, it was Boston 113, Cleveland 93; New Jersey 98, Washington 95; Philadelphia 132, Atlanta 85; Chicago 111, Milwaukee 101; Indiana 130, Denver 126; Dallas 110, Seattle 94; San Antonio 102, Kansas City 101 in overtime; Utah 101, Houston 93 and Los Angeles 89, Phoenix 86.

Despite his ejection, which he claimed was unjustified, King was the obvious star of the game, with 17 of 19 field goals, nine of 11 free throws and nine rebounds. The Knicks had a 62-55 deficit at halftime and scored the first 14 points in the third period to take the lead for good at 69-62.

New York expanded its lead to 87-73 before Detroit reduced it to 106-105 just before King was ejected. After that, the Knicks hit 10 of their final 14 points from the free throw line to pull away.

Bulls 111, Bucks 107; Reggie Theus scored 32 points as Chicago beat Milwaukee for its first road victory in 12 tries this season. Theus had 13 points in the second quarter as the

Bulls overcame a 10-point deficit to lead at halftime.

Mavericks 110, Sonics 94: Rolando Blackman scored 26 points and Brad Davis had 10 of his 16 in the third quarter when Dallas pulled away from Seattle.

76ers 132, Hawks 85: Philadelphia jumped to a 20-2 lead and was never threatened thereafter by Atlanta. Moses Malone led the 76ers with 25 points despite sitting out the fourth quarter.

Spurs 102, Kings 101: Center Artis Gilmore, who scored 24 points, tipped in a rebound with one second left to lift San Antonio past Kansas City. George Gervin scored 25 points for San Antonio and Larry



Bernard King... star of the game

U.S. tid-bits

Walker walks into All-America squad

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HOUSTON, Dec. 9 — Georgia running back Herschel Walker was a unanimous selection to United Press International's 1982 All-America college football team.

Walker, making the team for the third year in a row, heads an offensive unit which includes Stanford quarterback John Elway and running backs Mike Rozier of Nebraska and Eric Dickerson of Southern Methodist University.

Walker is one of two Bulldogs named to the first team. Terry Hooge led the voting for the defensive backs. Nebraska's Dave Rimington, two-time winner of the Outland Trophy is the center; Michigan's Anthony Carter is the wide receiver and Brigham Young junior Gordon Hudson is the tight end.

Rounding out the offense is Southern California's Don Mosebar and Pittsburgh's Jimbo Covert at the tackles and Southern California's Bruce Matthews and Arkansas' Steve Korte are the guards.

NFL players ratify \$1.6b pact

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP) — National Football League players ratified by a 3-1 margin Wednesday the five-year, 1.6-billion-dollar collective bargaining agreement that came out of their 57-day strike.

Ed Garvey, executive director of the NFL Players Union, said the agreement will be formally signed Friday in Washington.

Garvey said the results were based on votes from 26 teams. We said the Atlanta Falcons had not reported their votes and the Miami Dolphins would not vote until Thursday.

In the first in-season strike in the league's 63-year history, the Union ordered the players out on Sept. 21 — 10 weeks after the former collective bargaining agreement had expired and after more than eight months of fruitless negotiations.

The players closed the camps for 57 days, wiping out eight weekends of the 16-week

regular season. Officials have since rescheduled one lost weekend, to be played Jan. 2-3, leaving a nine-game season.

The new contract includes a 60-million-dollar one-time cash bonus to be distributed among the league's 1,500 players, an increased minimum wage scale, severance pay, increased playoff, pension, insurance and per diem monies and other benefits.

And for the first time, NFL clubs guarantee to allocate specific sums toward players' compensation over the life of the contract. The players also won greater access to their medical records and the right to choose their own surgeon for game-related injuries.

Other gains by the players include an easing of the compensation rules governing the movement of free agents who have played out their contracts and a streamlining of non-injury grievance procedures.

Drew 26 for the Kings.

Lakers 89, Suns 86: Bob McAdoo's two free throws with three seconds remaining clinched Los Angeles' victory over Phoenix. The Suns outscored the Lakers 30-13 in the third quarter, wiping out a 53-37 halftime deficit and putting Phoenix ahead 67-66. But Kurt Rambis' layup with 3:53 remaining gave the Lakers an 80-79 edge they never relinquished.

Nets 98, Bullets 95: Buck Williams had 19 points and 20 rebounds as New Jersey won its fifth straight game. Washington, which trailed by 12 points midway through the fourth quarter, had a chance to tie the game with less than a minute left, but Williams blocked a shot by Frank Johnson and then rebounded a last-gasp three-point attempt by Kevin Grevey.

Celtics 113, Cavaliers 93: Larry Bird scored 30 points, 13 of them during a 23-4 streak that gave Boston an early 27-8 lead over Cleveland. The Cavaliers, who got 26 points from Scott Wedman, rallied to cut their deficit to 98-87 before Bird scored five points in a 10-2 surge that clinched the victory.

Pacers 130, Nuggets 126: Rookie Clark Kellogg scored a season-high 29 points and Clemon Johnson added a career-high 22 as Indiana held off a late surge by Denver. The Pacers led by 20 points before the Nuggets trimmed the deficit to 127-126 with the help of Alex English, who scored 41 points.

Jazz 101, Rockets 93: Adrian Dantley scored 34 points and Jeff Wilkins 21 to lead Utah past Houston. The Rockets, who trailed 82-74 after three periods, cut the deficit to 84-81 early in the final quarter, but a 13-2 spurt by the Jazz put them comfortably ahead again.

eligibility for players. The other makes it mandatory that every coach's contract include the stipulation that the coach can be suspended without pay or fired if he's involved in "deliberate and serious violations of NCAA regulations."

The first of these changes, called the ethical conduct proposal, says unethical conduct will include refusing to give information requested by the NCAA or the school, or giving false or misleading information. A player who violates the ethical conduct rule could lose his eligibility. Coaches or presumably any other employee of the school, could face suspension.

The second proposal gives the school's chief executive officer, not the NCAA, the power to discipline the coach.

Meanwhile, in Dallas, Texas, the Professional Golfers Association recently handed out its Player of the Year award to Tom Watson and named Mark Kitzar of Bartlesville, Okla., as new president. Watson won Player of the Year honors due to bonus points he earned in by winning both the U.S. and British Opens.

Red Wings fly past Islanders

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AP) — Goalie Corrado Micallef turned in the first Detroit shut-out in nearly two years as the Red Wings skated to a 2-0 National Hockey League victory over the New York Islanders Wednesday night.

The 21-year-old Micallef knocked away 26 Islanders shots. The victory was the second in a row for the Red Wings, who are 5-17-6. The defending Stanley Cup champion Islanders are 16-12-5.

In other matches, first-period goals by Doug Shedden and Randy Carlyle helped the Pittsburgh Penguins to a 4-2 victory over the Buffalo Sabres.

Pittsburgh goalie Denis Herron stopped 32 shots to extend his personal unbeaten streak to seven games. Herron is 4-0-3 in those games and helped the Penguins stop a four-game winless streak. The Sabres are winless in their past four games.

Doug Sullivan and Ron Francis each scored twice as the Hartford Whalers — humiliated by Montreal three days earlier — defeated the Canadiens 7-4. Hartford's victory boosted its record to 7-17-3, while Montreal is 17-1-6.

Thomas Gradin and Curt Fraser scored two goals each to lead the Vancouver Canucks to a 7-3 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Denis Savard scored two goals to spark the high-powered Chicago Black Hawks to a 7-2 victory over the New York Rangers.

Rail riders go international

Disused railway track in many countries around the world may soon become track for bicycles, thanks to the Railbike Association of America which is now promoting the novel idea as an international sport. Railbike riding was first developed a few years ago by the late William Gillum.

Bikes used in the sport are conventional cycles specially adapted to rail track with the addition of axle extensions and circular disc-wheels that run along the metal track. The idea is stimulating much interest and the Association, located in Franklin, New Hampshire, has reported a record amount of activity. Seen on the right is one of the fans enjoying the thrills of railbike riding.



Mancini's lawyer denies reports

Dokes fancied to grab Weaver's title

LAS VEGAS, Nevada Dec. 9 (AP) — In 1977, Michael Dokes a young heavyweight, proclaimed, "I'll be great in '78 and the whole heavyweight division will be mine in '79."

Friday night at Caesars Palace, the 24-year-old Dokes will try to win a piece of the heavyweight title when he challenges 30-year-old Mike Weaver, the World Boxing Association champion.

Not keeping to his time schedule has been a help, not a hindrance, said Dokes, a former sparring partner for Muhammad Ali, ex-world champion, and Larry Holmes, the current World Boxing Council heavyweight champion. "I've had time to cultivate other areas of my lifestyle," Dokes said Wednesday. "I've made substantial growth in my fighting. I've developed into a well-rounded fighter. I've developed my ability to adapt to situations."

Dokes' approach to boxing probably began with his first meeting against Ossie Ocasio of Puerto Rico April 19, 1980, at San Juan. The fight, his 18th as a pro ended in a 10-round draw.

Since the draw, Dokes has won eight fights, including one-round knockouts of Ocasio, Harry Terrell and Lynn Ball, and a 10-round decision over Randy "Tex" Cobb. His record has 25-0-1, with 14 knockouts. Dokes has been established as a solid favorite to take the title from Weaver, who will be fighting for only the third time in 32 months.

Weaver, who has a 24-9 record, with 16 knockouts, won the title when he knocked out John Tate with 45 seconds left in the fight March 31, 1980. In his first defense, he knocked out South African Gerrie Coetzee in the 13th round Oct. 25, 1980.

Reports denied
Meanwhile, Mancini's lawyer said in Ohio that any talk of a fight between Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini and Aaron Pryor is a speculation on the part of promoter Bob Arum. "I can tell you absolutely that it hasn't even been seriously considered at this time," Richard White said.



Ray Mancini... back in the news

According to a report Tuesday in the Cincinnati Post, Arum is proposing a three-fight package for Pryor, the World Boxing Association junior welterweight champion. Under Arum's proposal, Pryor would fight Soon Hyun Kim, a South Korean boxer, early in 1983. If successful, Pryor would face Alexis Arguello, whom Pryor defeated last month. If he won that bout, Pryor would fight Mancini, the World Boxing Association (WBA) lightweight champion.

According to the report, Arum said that Mancini-Pryor fight would be held in Cincinnati, Columbus or Cleveland. White said he wasn't surprised that a promoter was trying to stir interest in a fight, but that no one in the Mancini camp is thinking about Pryor right now.

"We know what's happened with Ray the last month or so with that last fight," White said, referring to the bout in which South Korean boxer Duk Koo Kim was fatally

injured. "I suppose from Arum's point of view, being a promoter, suggesting a Pryor-Mancini fight is a very natural thing," White said. "But I was with Ray yesterday and I was talking to his manager, Dave Wolf, all day and I can tell you that anything about Pryor is just not serious at this time."

Hearns injured
Tommy Hearns, who took the World Boxing Council light middleweight title from Wilfredo Benitez of Puerto Rico last Friday, will be out of action for at least three months. Hearns damaged ligaments in his right hand in Friday's championship and had his hand put in plaster Wednesday. The injury apparently came in the eighth round of the 15 round contest he won on points.

Chandler to defend crown
World Boxing Association bantamweight champion Jeff Chandler will defend his title for the seventh time against fellow American Jose Gaby Canizales at Atlantic City, New Jersey, on Jan. 29. Chandler is unbeaten with 31 wins and two draws. Canizales, a Mexican-born Texan, is the WBA's second ranked challenger. He has won 24 and been beaten once.

Jones-McCoy bout
Colin Jones of Wales, the European champion, has been named to fight American Milton McCoy for the World Boxing Council's welterweight title vacated by Sugar Ray Leonard. The WBC also said the new champion would have to make his first defense of the title against the winner of an eliminator between Roger Stafford of the United States and Venezuela's Mauricio Bravo.

Tough opponent for Serrano
Sammy Serrano of Puerto Rico will defend his World Boxing Association junior lightweight title against United States champion Roger Maryweather here on Jan. 19. It will be Serrano's first fight since losing a controversial match to Benedicto Villablanca of Chile at Santiago on June 5. Maryweather, 21, looks like a dangerous challenger. He has knocked out his last eight opponents.

Pakistan's Hassan Sardar doubtful starter

Stage set for Esanda hockey tournament

MELBOURNE, Dec. 9 (AFP) — Pakistan have a few injury problems to be solved before they play India in the Esanda Hockey Tournament here on Saturday.

Brigadier Manzoor Aftab, their chief de mission said Thursday that three players, Hassan Sardar, Kalimullah and Qasim Zia had suffered injuries in the Asian Games final in New Delhi where Pakistan beat India 7-1.

There was a reasonable chance, the brigadier said, that Kalimullah, one of their best forwards, and Qasim Zia, a full-back, would play but there was grave doubt about Hassan Sardar, who has a strained leg muscle. While Pakistan have sufficient resources in attack to replace him, Sardar's absence will be a serious blow to the side because he combines well with another outstanding forward, Hanif Khan. The team as a whole is reported to be tired and will have only a light work-out Friday.

Balbir Singh, the Indian team manager, reports no injury problems and was Thursday in a mood of happy reflection on his visit to Melbourne 26 years ago when he played for India in the Olympic final against Pakistan, when India won 1-0.

The coach of the Indian side, captain Balbir Singh, who is no relation to the manager, will persevere with more or less the same side that lost in New Delhi to Pakistan. The Indian team is led by Zafar Iqbal, who played a big part in India's 5-4 victory over Pakistan in the Champion's Trophy tournament in Amsterdam in June this year.

The tournament starts Friday with a match in Group 'A' between the Netherlands and Malaysia, who finished third in the Asian Games having beaten Japan in the play-off for the bronze medal. In an earlier match, they were leading India 1-0 but were overwhelmed in the second half and lost 5-1.

The Malaysians have included Chow Seng Yew and Sarjit Singh, who played for them in the Junior World Cup last August in Kuala Lumpur and scored most of their goals. One of their best defenders is Foo Keat Seong, a powerful striker of penalty-corners.

The Dutch are considerably weakened by the absence of their great midfield players, Ties Kruize and Tim Steens, who were unable to come here for business reasons. The Dutch will rely on Roderic Bouwmann to strike their corners and they have in Marteen Van Grimbervan, an outside right of the highest quality.

England, having beaten Canada 2-1 a week ago in Perth, have a slight psychological advantage when they play them in the second match Friday. A good start by England could encourage them for their second group match against West Germany on Sunday. They held the Germans to a goalless draw at Hamburg in October and a similar result here could leave England with a good chance of qualifying for

the semifinal round.

The Germans, who are preserving with some of their younger players, meet New Zealand in the third match and are widely expected to win. Not much is known of the quality of New Zealand, who have done little since winning the Olympic title at Montreal in 1976.

Australia are led by Richard Charlesworth, a veteran of more than 140 matches for Australia, including two Olympics. "We are as good as any team in the world," Charlesworth said. "And we must have a chance in front of a home crowd."

The entry of the China into the international field has aroused much interest. They have a fair amount of skill as proved by their third place in the Asia Cup Tournament in Karachi early this year.

Their manager Hou Zengang said, through an interpreter: "Sport is always a means of improving understanding between China and other countries. We are hoping to improve friendliness through our matches in this tournament."

The tournament, marks the opening of the 1.5 million dollar astro turf pitch which is only the second of its kind in Australia. The first was laid at Perth in 1979.

All the Asian countries, India, Pakistan,

Malaysia and China are in Group 'A' along with the Netherlands. Australia, the home country, face Canada, England, West Germany and New Zealand in Group 'B'.

The winners and runners-up in each group will qualify for the semifinals. This is the first time that Olympic champions India and World champions Pakistan have been in the same group in a world tournament.



Hassan Sardar... on injured list

Austrian girl skies to the top

VAL D'ISERE, French Alps, Dec. 9 (AFP) — A 19-year-old Austrian, Elizabeth Kirschner, proudly and unexpectedly stood top of the women's Alpine Skiing World Cup standings after Wednesday's giant slalom here.

The slalom, run over particularly difficult conditions went according to the book with a win for World Cup holder and double world champion Erika Hess of Switzerland. But when the points were totted up for the combined (with Tuesday's opening downhill), it was discovered the Kirschner, fourth Wednesday and sixth in the downhill headed the list.

That gave her a total 47 points, seven clear of Hess and American Tamara McKinney, who was second Wednesday. Hess trailed after the first leg as the field struggled to cope with the icy and patchy conditions caused by a lack of snow, but she skied beautifully over the second leg to clock a total 2:22.17, heading McKinney, who led after the first leg and former World Cup winner Hanni Wenzel of the Lichtenstein.

Indeed, Wenzel, a former World Cup win-

ner and double Olympic champion at Lake Placid, made an encouraging comeback after a long lay-off through injury.

At the other end of the scale, 16-year-old French schoolgirl Helene Barbier made a remarkable debut in top level skiing by finishing sixth overall, sking from the latter groups. France had three in the top ten with Barbier, the experienced Fabienne Serrat and Anne-Flore Rey, but they still see some way off matching the best.

The Men's downhill in the traditional "first snows" event which has been put back a day to Friday because of a lack of snow, is likely to be a straight fight between Austrian and Canadian skiers.

Fresh snowfalls Wednesday night meant that trials could go ahead as planned Thursday morning and the promise of almost perfect atmospheric conditions should make for an interesting contest.

Franz Klammer of Austria, the winner of this event last year again starts as favorite, but his chief rival is likely to be the combative Canadian Ken Read, who will certainly want to improve on his meagre fifth place here last year.

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YOU CAN TOO...

By Dawn Liddicoat

Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Dec. 9 — Heart disease, a major cause of death in the United States, is facing an increasingly stubborn population. More and more people are strengthening their bodies and building up resistance to heart problems. More and more people are becoming physically fit. Underlying the claims of numerous health spas across the country of heightened physical attractiveness is a simple truth: exercise is good for you and can help you live longer more productive lives.

Aerobic exercises specifically work to improve the cardiovascular system. Besides burning calories thus facilitating weight loss, aerobic exercise increases the amount of oxygen-carrying hemoglobin in the blood. As blood becomes "richer," it can bring in more oxygen to each cell and take away more carbon dioxide and other wastes than it could without exercising. Muscle cells also improve their ability to process oxygen and eliminate wastes more efficiently. The result: the heart doesn't have to pump as much blood to each cell as it did before.

Aerobic exercise also increases the efficiency of your lungs and strengthens the muscles that make the lungs expand and contract. With each breath, you take in more air and get rid of more carbon dioxide than you did before. Your blood receives more oxygen at your lungs than it did before, and eliminates more carbon dioxide, resulting again in richer, cleaner blood and less work for your heart.

Aerobic exercise makes blood vessels more flexible, so they don't tend to accumulate atherosclerotic deposits as readily. This produces less resistance in the blood vessels and less strain on the heart. Aerobic exercise also increases the number of blood vessels, which form a network throughout the body's cells, so that when you get your heart rate up during an aerobic workout, the cells throughout your body get a better cleansing and more life-sustaining oxygen.

Because of its proven ability to facilitate circulation, lower blood pressure, relieve tensions and generally improve one's physi-

Exercise your way to keep heart attack at bay

Tenneco sets the trend toward fitness & strength



SWEATING IT OUT: A Tenneco employee going through the grind at the Health and Fitness Center during the lunch break.

cal condition and sense of well-being, aerobic exercise is growing in popularity. Many Americans are making aerobic exercise a part of their daily or weekly routines, whether in the form of vigorous daily walks or a more regimented exercise program offered by one of the country's many health spas. Perhaps a most modern approach to health and fitness exists in the corporate health program.

Tenneco, Inc., a Houston-based oil and natural gas company, offers to all of its employees, at no extra charge, a complete, and lavish, health and fitness center. "It's an added benefit," said Dr. Edward Bernacki, Tenneco's corporate medical director. It provides company employees the opportunity and facilities, from the spacious Nautilus weight training and aerobic exercise rooms, racquetball courts and a 1/5 mile enclosed track which encircles the building, to the executive-style locker rooms and freshly laundered gym clothes, to develop a personalized fitness program they can fit into their work schedules.

The aim of the fitness center is to encourage people to lead a non-sedentary lifestyle, said Dr. Bernacki and Mark Landgreen, manager of the health and fitness center. Their primary emphasis is on getting inactive employees to become more active, rather than pushing already active employees into higher levels of activity. "You'll see some overweight people out there, but they're doing something about it," said Dr. Bernacki. On a scale of one to ten, "they're moving from zero to one, and that's going to be a lot more beneficial to them in their lives, they're going to live longer by moving from zero to one than by moving from five to ten." "We want to get the bulk of the people doing a little bit more," added Landgreen. It is apparent, however, upon entering the center, that it achieves more than it aims to.

Dr. Bernacki and Landgreen believe that

the peer support of the work force is a strong factor in encouraging employee participation in the health center. "There's a real camaraderie being built up," said Dr. Bernacki. "It's like a happening—a social experience as well as a fitness experience."

You see a lot of people working out, together running the track, talking, and they're happy. It's infectious!"

Tenneco's fitness center was the brain child of Jim L. Ketelsen, Tenneco chairman and chief executive. Ketelsen underwent a

double bypass surgery on two blocked arteries in 1979. He believed that his lifestyle probably contributed to his need for the surgery, and decided to establish a program to promote good health for the employees of the company. "His idea was that he wanted to give something to the employees that they could take with them and live with the rest of their lives," said Dr. Bernacki, "something that's going to help them live longer, be more productive, and feel better. I think that's almost a fact: people who are in good shape feel and look better."

A follow-up survey of Tenneco fitness center participants showed this to be true. The survey was conducted after the center had been in operation for four months to determine how employees perceived their own health. Eighty-one percent of the employees using the fitness center reported feeling better, 53 percent said they felt they looked better. Sixty-three percent said they had more energy than before starting the program, 51 percent reported feeling less tense, and over 50 percent reported increased strength, endurance and flexibility. Dr. Bernacki said the medical staff is conducting research to find out those employees using the health center are actually more productive people. He cited a study done in Canada which compared populations of two insurance companies. The company that had an exercise program showed superior attendance records.

"It's mostly a preventative type program," said Landgreen, "though we do have one program that's medically supervised, involving high risk members, who we want to watch more closely." Before any Tenneco employee uses the center, he must undergo a thorough fitness evaluation including a physical examination, to prove that he can use the facility safely. It takes about three or four weeks to get back all of the results, then the employee who passes the pre-testing is free to participate in the

health center program. Of the 3,600 employees at Tenneco's downtown office, 3,200 have gone through the screening process and are now using the center.

Each day, 500 or more Tenneco employees improve their physical fitness at the health center. Upon completion of a workout, they log their activities into a computer which converts activity into calories burned, keeping a running total. Each employee receives a monthly report of his activity and progress. Employee committees devise special events to encourage group participation. One such committee recently staged a noon-time race. More than 100 employees donned their gym wear and ran along the bayou during their lunch hour. The race was filmed on video tape and viewed the following day in the health center during a special awards ceremony. Other incentive programs include inter-departmental calorie-burning contests.

A special menu helps Tenneco employees count their calories. As part of the health program, a "B-fit" diet is available each day in the employee cafeteria for breakfast and lunch, providing a nutritious, low-calorie meal. This makes it easier to stick to a commitment to be healthy, said Landgreen.

In this self-contained working-recreational environment, business and health coexist. Employees save time otherwise spent driving to and from an outside health spa, exercise together and encourage one another to work toward becoming healthier, more physically fit people. With their high success rate, Landgreen said their goal now is to maintain the high-level participation and to expand the program to include employees' family members. Tenneco currently has two "satellite" programs outside downtown Houston, where employees' family members are eligible to participate on weekends.

"The word around Houston," said Dr. Bernacki, "is, 'we want a job at Tenneco, because they've got this marvelous facility.'" The word around the country is improved physical fitness, good health and longer, happier lives.

Watford shocked in English League trophy

Nene slams two in Benfica's big victory

LONDON, Dec. 9 (Agencies) — The European Football Union (UEFA) Cup, often hidden away on the back shelf behind the Champions' and Cup-Winners' trophies, rocketed in value Wednesday night as Benfica, Anderlecht, Valencia and Roma reached the last eight.

For with four of the world's most famous clubs — with eight European triumphs behind them — in Friday's quarterfinal draw, the UEFA Cup now commands special attention.

Benfica, champions of Europe in 1961 and 1962, swamped Swiss guests Zurich 4-0 in Lisbon to win 5-1 on aggregate. The current Portuguese line-up does not stand comparison with the Eusebio-inspired team of 20 years ago but two goals by international striker Nene, and one apiece from Filipovic and Diamantino provided evidence that they are still a force to be reckoned with.

Valencia are chasing their fourth European success, having won the old Fairs Cup in 1962 and 1963 and the Cup-Winners' two years ago. The Spaniards sowed the seeds of victory when they held Spartak Moscow to a goalless draw in a goalless draw in the first-leg two weeks ago.

Typically, even with home advantage, Valencia were content to hit on the break but they moved ahead in the 31st minute when Daniel Solsona beat Spartak goalkeeper Renat Dassyev.

Teenager Enrique Morena ensured Valencia a place in the next round six minutes from time with a superb individual goal. He ran the full length of the park and survived a series of tackles before slipping the ball past the giant Dassyev.

Belgium's Anderlecht, Cup-Winners' Cup champions in 1976 and 1978, had the easiest time of all, having trounced Yugoslav guests

Sarajevo 6-1 in the first-leg. Anderlecht were not too concerned about adding to their tally and a 1-0 defeat would do little to dampen their spirits on the homeward journey.

The "big four" will be joined in Friday's draw by Scotland's Dundee United, Craiova of Romania, Czechoslovak Bohemians and Kaiserslautern of West Germany.

Werder Bremen, must have fancied their chances after holding Dundee United 2-1 away. However, the Scots have proved themselves redoubtable travellers in Europe this year and a third minute goal by Hegarty gave them just the start they needed. Voeller put Bremen back into the game with a goal four minutes after the interval but Dundee United stubbornly held on to go through to the last eight.

Kaiserslautern beat Seville 4-0 to the 1-0 defeat in Spain while Bohemians Prague had an unexpectedly hard time against Servette

Geneva. They had drawn 2-2 in Switzerland and had to come back after conceding a 17th minute goal to Decastel.

Cernak equalized four minutes before half-time and a 1-1 draw would have been good enough to qualify them on the away goals rule. However, they were under the constant threat of conceding another goal and it took a penalty by Frlitzky with two minutes to go to relieve them.

Universitatea Craiova needed two hours to beat the French club Bordeaux. The Romanians wiped out the 1-0 deficit from the first leg in the 37th minute when Ticleanu rammed in a loose ball but then wasted their chances.

Bordeaux looked as if they might pull off another surprise as they had knocked out Hajduk Split after losing 4-1 in Yugoslavia — but Georgiou headed a magnificent goal to put the Romanians through 2-1 on aggregate.



NENE HOME: Benfica's international star Nene leaps in the air to head home his side's third goal as Lull, Raul and Landolfi of Zurich look dazed in the UEFA Cup tie in Lisbon Wednesday. Benfica won the match 4-0.

While England drops Cowans for third Test

Rackemann pulls out of Aussie squad

ADELAIDE, Aust., Dec. 9 (AP) — England and Australia Thursday announced one change each to their line-ups for the crucial third cricket Test, starting on Friday at the Adelaide Oval.

Trailing 1-0 after two Tests, the English selectors dropped young West Indian-born fast bowler, Norman Cowans, while Queensland paceman Carl Rackemann ruled himself out of selection after a fitness test.

Rackemann's decision not to play, because of a groin strain sustained in Brisbane, surprised teammates and spectators alike at the morning practice session. While his timing with the bat was out, his bowling was fast and accurate and he seemed to follow through without obvious discomfort.

But after one spell of bowling, the 22-year-old blond giant informed selectors' chairman, Phil Ridings, that he still felt tight and it was mutually agreed not to risk playing him in a five day Test match.

The selectors immediately named South Australian batsman Wayne Phillips as his replacement in the squad, but Phillips is expected to be 12th man, with fellow South Australian Rodney Hogg entering the Australian bowling attack.

The news of Hogg's return re-kindled unpleasant memories for the Englishmen, against whom he made a spectacular entry to Test cricket during the 1978-79 series. On that tour, the South Australian speedster collected 41 wickets for an average of 12.85.

But since last year's tour of England he has been hounded by a back complaint, missing out completely on last season's first class matches as he strove to build up the muscles around his spine.

Hogg, 31, said Thursday he was happy to be back in the Australian side, but played down the magnitude of his comeback. "You can get too dramatic about things," he said. "Plenty of sportsmen miss time through

injury — footballers sometimes miss a whole season."

The recall of 24-year-old left hander Wayne Phillips will provide strong back up should any of the Australian batsmen pull out. Phillips scored 260 runs in a shield match at Adelaide Oval last summer and toured Pakistan with Australia in September-October.

Greg Chappell said he hoped Australia could improve on their performances so far, particularly in the vexed area of fielding. "This is not the best catching side I've ever been in," Chappell said.

"Because of Allan Border's injured finger

we've got a few people fielding in the slips who wouldn't normally spend so much time there."

England: Chris Tavare, Graeme Fowler, David Gower, Allan Lamb, Ian Botham, Derek Randall, Geoff Miller, Derek Pringle, Eddie Hemmings, Bob Taylor, Bob Willis (capt).

Australia: Kepler Wessels, John Dyson, Allan Border, Greg Chappell (capt), Kim Hughes, David Hookes, Rodney Marsh, Bruce Yardley, Geoff Lawson, Rodney Hogg, Jeff Thomson. 12th man: Wayne Phillips.

Batsmen corner glory in EPCA League

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, Dec. 9 — Three centuries highlighted play in the Eastern Province Cricket Association League which had reached its halfway mark last weekend. A splendid knock of 163 by Sajjad Shah enabled AGE Cricket Club to continue on their run-spre, totalling 355 for eight and then went on to skittle Saulex for 121, thanks to Jan Mohd, grabbing five for 19, to come out victors.

The victory was made much easier for AGE by the fielding lapses by Saulex players, who dropped no less than two-dozen catches. Abdulaziz 76 and Massir with an unbeaten 67 too contributed to AGE's mammoth total.

Another tall-score came at Dossary Oval in the match between Combined Cricket Club and the visiting BCC.

AT AL-KHOBAR: AGE 355 for 8 in 30 overs (Sajjad Shah 163, Abdulaziz 76, Nassir 67 not out, Karim 2-44, Wajid 2-58, Supra 2-59) beat Saulex 121 all out in 21.7 overs (Abdul Karim 79, Jan Mohd 5-19, Nassir 2-26).

AT AZIZIYA: Khobar, Combined Cric-

ket Club 281 for 9 in 30 overs (Mohd Nadeem 119, Nadeem Ijaz 55, M. Ahmed 4-42, D. Majumdar 2-32) defeated Bechtel. Jubail 169 all out in 27.7 overs (M. Ahmed 61, Sami Ahmed 28, Niaz 5-17, Assad 2-19).

Standings					
Pool 'A'					
	P	W	L	D	Pts
Arabian Eagles	7	7	0	0	60
Aramco Abqaiq	7	5	2	0	50
Petromin	6	4	2	0	39
Juyaimah-Rt	7	3	4	0	36
Combined	5	3	2	0	29
Bechtel Jubail	7	1	5	1	17
BAC	5	1	3	1	15
UPM 'B'	6	0	6	0	18

Pool 'B'					
	P	W	L	D	Pts
AGE	5	5	0	0	41
Orinities	6	4	1	1	35
Albustan	7	4	2	1	34
Mifa	6	3	2	1	30
YFCC	6	3	2	1	27
UPM 'A'	5	1	3	1	13
Saulex	6	0	5	1	9
Zahid	5	0	5	0	6

Soccer results

UEFA Cup			
Werder Bremen	1	Dundee United	1
(Dundee qualify: 3-2)			
Kaiserslautern	4	Seville	0
(Kaiserslautern: 4-1)			
Valencia	2	Spartak Moscow	0
(Valencia: 5-1)			
Benfica	4	Zurich	0
(Benfica: 5-1)			
Sarajevo	1	Anderlecht	0
(Anderlecht: 6-2)			
Bohemians Prague	2	Servette	1
(Bohemians: 4-3)			
Roma	2	Cologne	0
(Roma: 2-1)			
Universitatea	2	Bordeaux	0
(Craiova: 2-1)			
English Football trophy			
Lincoln	3	Norwich	1
Reading	5	Watford	3
University match			
Oxford	2	Cambridge	2
European Under-18			
Cyprus	1	Romania	1

In Australian Open

Dent stages fine rally

MELBOURNE, Dec. 9 (AP) — Australians Phil Dent, John Alexander and Paul McNamee Thursday joined American Johan Kriek in moving to the fourth round of the 450,000 Australian Dollar Marlboro Australian Open.

Top seed and defending champion Kriek defeated Eric Sherbek of the U.S. 6-1, 7-6. Alexander overcame fellow David Cup player John Fitzgerald 6-4, 7-6, while McNamee had an effortless victory over American Ben Testerman, winning 6-2, 6-0.

Dent fought back from an opening set loss to defeat Guy Forget of France 5-7, 7-6, 6-2.

Alexander agreed with many players at the Open who have criticized the decision to reduce matches from five sets to three because of a backlog caused by rain delays.

"It doesn't enhance the prestige," he said. "The organizers should have made every effort to stick to the rules. I haven't spoken to anyone who has agreed with it."

Last year's runner up, Steve Denton, beat Warren Maher of Australia 6-2, 7-5 in their third round clash.

Meanwhile, Anders Jarryd of Sweden smashed his way through to the quarterfinals of the men's Grand Prix Tournament in Toulouse, defeating Freddie Sauar of South Africa 6-3, 7-5.

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The winning duo splits \$100,000. The only other tournament with a bigger purse is the 700,000-dollar tournament Players Championship.

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Compatriot Magnus Tidemann is also through to the quarterfinals, but Hans Simonsson went out in straight sets to Stanislav Birner of Czechoslovakia.

In the women's event, unseeded defending champion Mary Lou Piatek ousted fifth-seeded Kathy Rinaldo 6-3, 7-5 for the only second-round upset in the \$125,000 Central Fidelity Bank Invitational tournament.

Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia, Virginia Ruzici of Romania, Bonnie Gadusek and Joanne Russell, the third, fifth, sixth and eighth seeds, beat unseeded players in other second-round matches. Top seeded Tracy Austin played her second-round match Tuesday night, beating Kathleen Horvath 6-0, 6-1.

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the BUMBLES of mumbles

Pollution in Swansea Bay -- Part I

By Alexandra Frith

Dearlo pushed up his top pebble and peered out to see what kind of a day it was. To his great delight it was a beautiful sunny day, so he beckoned Toggler to hasten up the seaweed ladder, so that they could go off fishing near Mumbles Point.

With fishing rods over their shoulders the two Bumbles merrily went on their way bidding "Good Morning" to other Bumbles out and about on this lovely day. "What's that?" Toggler asked suddenly, pointing in the direction of some large boulders.

Dearlo looked to where Toggler was pointing and saw an old boot, muttering away to himself. The two little Bumbles hopped over the pebbles to where the boot was and Toggler bent to pick it up when suddenly a voice called out. "Put me down and while you are at it scratch my buckle for me!"

Toggler did as the boot asked and gave the buckle a good scratch. "It's usual to say please," Dearlo interrupted, "when you ask for someone's help."

The boot glanced at Dearlo just as Toggler was putting it down saying, "Pooh! you smell!" Dearlo was shocked that Toggler was being so rude, but he had to admit the air was a bit strong and was coming from the direction of the boot.

"Don't be so personal, I can't help it, anyway with all the pollution about it just can't be helped," Dearlo and Toggler looked at each other then back at the boot.

"That is why I'm leaving," the boot continued. "I am also very sticky because of oil from the ships. What I need is a bath and a good rub with boot polish."

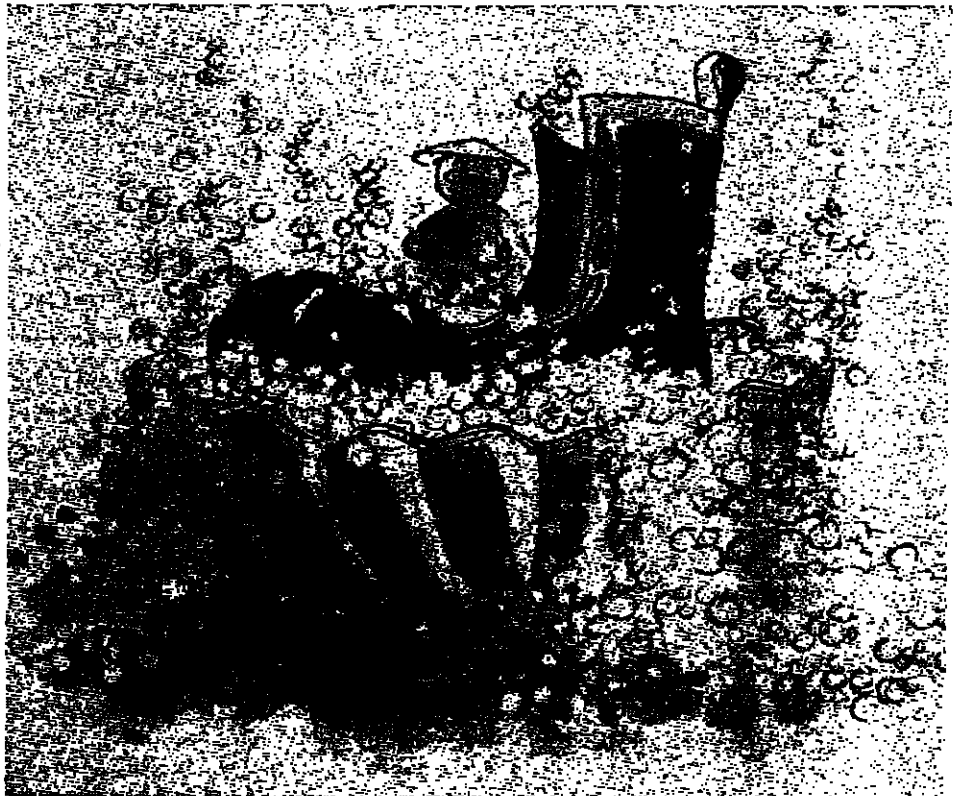
"We may be able to help there," Dearlo said. "You can come to our home and freshen up."

So the two little Bumbles and the boot set off for their home beneath the pebbles. The boot feeling better to have made such good friends.

On the way the boot said, "Let me introduce myself. I'm Bitty Boot." "How do you do?" said Dearlo. "I'm Dearlo Bumble and this is Toggler!"

A short while later they were sitting in Dearlo's home and sipping a cup of seawater tea.

Lillypop was most concerned about Bitty



Boot as he looked such a sorry sight, the oil clung to his lace and he smelt, of that there was no doubt.

So Lillypop prepared a nice hot bath for Bitty Boot, she put in a drop of her special seaweed bubble bath then she beckoned the Boot over to the bath saying, "We shall leave you in peace now, you relax in the water and don't forget to wash behind your heel."

"Thank you Lillypop, you are very kind," said Bitty Boot.

"I don't suppose you could find an old piece of shoe polish?" he finished hopefully. Lillypop smiled. "I'll try my best, but we Bumbles do not use polish as we have shells for feet."

So while Bitty Boot washed himself clean and relaxed in the seaweed bubble bath, Dearlo went off in search of some black shoe polish.

He was in luck as he met Dooley the Dragon who was building sand castles.

Dooley told him the Wizard had some polish so he and Dearlo headed for Oystermouth Castle, and then with a small amount of black boot polish in a wink shell Dearlo returned home, after thanking Dooley for his help.

As soon as Dearlo had descended down the seaweed ladder a different kind of smell met his nose, a smell of cleanliness, bubble bath and oyster pie that Lillypop had just served for their supper.

"Just in time," Lillypop called out, as Dearlo hung up his limpet shell hat on his peg.

Well, when Dearlo saw Bitty Boot he let out a long whistle. "You do look smart."

Bitty Boot was seated at the table alongside Lillypop and Toggler all clean and looking so much better for his bath.

"Thank you Dearlo," I was just saying how nice it is to feel clean again." From behind his back Dearlo produced the black polish in the wink shell. "After dinner, we



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shall all help polish you up," he said. "Yes, but let's eat first," said Toggler. Everyone laughed as Toggler had a healthy appetite and was always thinking of food.

They all tucked into the delicious oyster pie that Lillypop had cooked for them, and presently after the dishes had been put away Dearlo and Toggler set to in polishing Bitty Boot who giggled at being tickled so.

"Oh, I do feel good, it's so long since I had a good lick of polish in my leather," Bitty Boot laughed. Soon he was gleaming like a new boot, a perfect specimen of his breed.

"Now" said Dearlo, sitting down, "tell us why you were so cross this morning when we found you?" They all waited to listen to Bitty Boot's reply.

"One thing is for sure, I'm never going back, it's over, I've had enough," he said.

"Not going back where?" Toggler asked.

"Why the sea, of course," replied the Boot. He went on: "I've been living there quite happily for many a long year now, but, the state the sea is in, is a sorry one. I don't understand what is going on, fishes are dying and one can hardly see a shoe sole in front of your eyes any more, the water is getting gray out in the bay. I'm very worried about it."

Dearlo looked at Toggler as he had heard tales of dead fish coming in with the tide and the Bumble ladies were complaining their wash was not as white as it used to be.

"Yes, I know what you mean," said Dearlo. "It's about time we tried to do something about it."

"About what?" asked Lillypop as she rejoined everyone with a fresh pot of seawater tea.

"The pollution in Swansea Bay," Dearlo answered.

"I quite agree," said Lillypop putting down her tray of tea. "A lot of Bumbles have been complaining that the seawater does not seem as clean as it used to be."

"But how can we help?" Toggler asked.

"I'm not sure Toggler, but we must think of something," Dearlo replied.

Bitty Boot interrupted. "It's the likes of me and all those cans that are helping to do this to the sea, that is why I decided to help by leaving."

The Bumbles all looked at each other, then back to Bitty Boot who went on. "Just before I left I had a meeting with a lot of my



friends, cans, shoes, old bottles, you know, rubbish in general," Bitty Boot paused for breath.

"I had noticed many strange things for a long time now, fish dying for no apparent reason, oysters leaving their beds to try and find clearer salt waters; not being able to see clearly through the water any more, I tell you, the sea is turning gray as more and more bottles, cans and boots were being dumped into it. So I decided to help — by leaving."

"I think that was a marvelous thing to do," said Lillypop. "You must be very sad at leaving your home beneath the sea?"

"Yes," Bitty Boot replied, "but I'm sure I'm right, the likes of me cannot expect to make our home in the sea, when there is plenty of room for us on dry land."

"Did your friends the bottles and cans follow you lead?" Dearlo enquired.

"No! I'm afraid not Dearlo. When I left they were arguing amongst themselves," Bitty Boot said.

"Oh! dear," Lillypop exclaimed. She went on, "Never mind now, let's tuck you up in bed, Bitty Boot. You must be very tired."

He was tired and turned to Dearlo saying, "Do you think you could untie my lace please?" Dearlo was delighted to do so and was amazed as to how quickly Bitty Boot fell asleep in his scallop shell bed.

He turned to Lillypop and Toggler saying, "Bitty Booty is perfectly right, you know, they are in the wrong making their homes beneath the sea, he is a very brave boot leaving like he did. I wonder will the others follow his example?"

"Who can tell," said Toggler.

"Tomorrow we must check the beach to see if any other boot, shoe, bottles or can follow his example," Dearlo replied.

Soon all the little Bumbles were tucked up safely in their beds fast asleep, except Dearlo who was thinking over the day's events.

(To be continued next Friday)

Japanese women working more, getting less pay

TOKYO, (AP) — Although women now account for more than one-third of Japan's 40-million-plus work force, they still find the door to the executive suite shut, and the average woman earns little more than half as much as the average man, government studies show. According to the female labor white paper made public recently by the Labor Ministry, the number of working women last year rose to 13.91 million, up 370,000 or 2.7 percent from the previous year. Women made up 34.5 percent of the nation's work force.

"Over the years, work has become an integral part of life for many women as employment opportunities are increasingly available for them," said Yasuko Matsumoto, chief of the ministry's women affairs sections. But she said discrimination in pay and promotions remains the lot of working women. The idea that women are merely office ornaments, to serve tea and do menial chores for a few years between school and marriage, is still pervasive. "If you can continue work," Mrs. Matsumoto said, "the situation isn't too bad. But the problem is that doors to managerial and other high-power jobs remain closed to women."

The average monthly income for women in 1981 was 174,895 yen (\$636), up 5.1 percent from the previous year but still only 53.3 percent of men's average earnings, the white paper said. Even in cases of equal education and experience, there are disparities. Younger women — those up to 25 years old — who had the same education and experience as their male colleagues faced a 10 percent wage gap. Women in their 40s earned 27 percent less than men with similar skills, the report said.

Mitsubishi Corp., the nation's No. 1 trading firm, recruited 89 women college graduates last year. A Mitsubishi spokesman said: "They were hired under the category of secretarial work and are expected to do only clerical or assistant jobs."

"It is a division (of labor) rather than discrimination," the official said. "Because they are given a chance of breaking into the 'general work' category (under which all men are employed) later by passing the test."

The starting monthly salary for Mitsubishi's college recruits last year was 134,000 yen (\$487) for men and 131,000 yen (\$476) for women. But the wage gap quickly

widens. The giant trading company, which employs 3,854 women and 5,953 men, has as yet no women in administrative posts. Asked why the firm does not seek women candidates for management, the official, who refused to be identified said: "It has to do with the social acceptance of women. We cannot go ahead (with such recruitment) at a time when many people find it improper for women to be at business negotiations."

Despite the social handicaps, the annual report said, 67.6 percent of female college graduates landed jobs last year, mostly in the service sector, compared to 79 percent of men.

The annual report also undercut the notion that women enter the job market primarily to find husbands. About two-thirds of Japanese working women were married and more than half were older than 35. Twenty years ago, the report said, most working women were aged 25 or younger.

"A lot of women in their 30s now return to work because they need extra money to make ends meet, because they have free time, or because they like to be part of society," Mrs. Matsumoto said. The result is a sharp

increase in the number of women working part time at grocery stores, shops, restaurants and other small businesses.

Last year there were 2.66 million female part-time job-holders working fewer than 35 hours a week — more than twice the number in that category in 1970. Since most work at small businesses that demand little skill, the report said, part-timers were paid about 25 percent less than their full-time counterparts. "They are still largely unorganized and vulnerable to economic ups and downs," Mrs. Matsumoto said. Employers use part-time workers as a safety valve, since unlike full-time workers they can easily be fired during an economic crunch.

Part-time jobs generally offer no long-term security and few fringe benefits, the report said. One or two out of 10 part-time workers received such benefits as paid vacations, annual salary raises and health insurance. "Much has to be done to improve working conditions, training and day care facilities for women," Mrs. Matsumoto said, "because jobs are increasingly inseparable from most women's lives."

U.N. worried about increase in female teen-age smoking

By Tony Barber

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The United Nations is worried that young people, particularly girls, are smoking too much and some health workers blame advertising portraying smokers as sexy or seductive.

The U.N. says cigarette-smoking is increasing for both male and female teen-agers. Worse still, girls are now outsmoking boys for the first time in many countries. And it thinks smoking ought to be turned into a habit practiced only by adults who just cannot give it up.

A recent study by the World Health Organization (WHO), which is part of the U.N. system, says the rise in female teen-age smoking is especially worrying because girls are prone to health problems which cannot affect boys. For example, those who use birth control pills face the risk of suffering brain and heart disorders when they are older, the study says. In particular, a smoking girl makes herself more vulnerable to cerebral thrombosis and hemorrhage and coronary heart disease.

According to the study, the problem is growing because each year more and more girls are using oral contraceptives, in developing and developed countries alike. Surveys in the 1960s in countries such as France, Norway, New Zealand and the Philippines confirmed that smoking among adolescent girls was on the rise in the postwar world.

The WHO study reports the unprecedented statistics that by the end of the 1970s, girls were outsmoking boys in 11 of the 22 countries surveyed. Italian and Greek girls light up the most. Fifty-five percent of Italian girls aged between 16 and 18 were smokers in the 1970s, compared with 51 percent of boys. For Greece, the figures were 54 percent of girls and 46 percent of boys. The other countries where girls outsmoke boys are Belgium, Canada, Denmark, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden and the United States.

In four of five developing countries surveyed — Ethiopia, India, Nigeria, and Papua New Guinea — it was found that more boys than girls smoked. In the fifth, Uruguay, 46 percent of teenagers of both sexes were smokers. The study notes with satisfaction that intensive anti-smoking campaigns in Sweden have made that country one of the very few where teen-age smoking for both sexes is declining.

Thirty-three percent of Swedish girls

smoke, compared with 21 percent of Swedish boys.

Some health professionals who have wrestled with the question of why more girls are smoking believe the cigarette advertising industry has much to answer for. "Advertising has been careful to give a very positive image of the woman smoker, invariably showing her as feminine, seductive, sensual," the French doctor M.M. Arnaud complained in a recent issue of the WHO's *World Health Magazine*.

The WHO, a Geneva-based body that has dedicated itself to the goal of health for all by the year 2000, also has strong words for cigarette makers, observing: "A sporting life and a smoke go well together — so cigarette manufacturers suggest in advertisements designed to appeal to young adults."

"Despite the image advertising conveys, a majority of those who engage in sports do not smoke," it adds. The WHO argues that boys may turn to smoking because girls are depicted as "bait" in many tobacco advertisements. According to UNCTAD (the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) statistics, the tobacco industry spends more than \$2 billion annually on advertising.

The WHO study says there is a worldwide recognition of the need to counter teen-age smoking, but adds: "It is surprising to note that only a handful of countries have collected information on the prevalence of smoking in youth." It calls on public health authorities to compile data on which to base anti-smoking campaigns aimed at boys and girls.

Although such campaigns have been established in many developed countries, few Third World governments even require that cigarette packets carry health warnings. The result, according to WHO Director-General Halfdan Mahler, is that smoking-related cancer threatens to become one of tomorrow's major health hazards in developing countries.

In its last major report, issued in 1979, the WHO's expert committee on smoking control recommended that "every effort be made to reduce smoking to the status of a private activity of a minority of adults who are unable to give up." With an optimism typical of the U.N., it said this should be seen as an attainable goal within the next two decades at the latest.

A few essential precautions for bad shoppers

By Katharine Whitehorn

LONDON (OSS) — Shopping is like driving a car: it never even occurs to most people that they might not be as good at it.

Short of money, yes; heavens, what I could do if I was rich. Short of time, certainly. And we will sigh any number of times that the shops don't seem to stock what we want anymore, or that fashions are just for skinny size 8s these days. But that we, ourselves, might be lousy shoppers — no, surely not.

Among those who are at least desperately keen on shopping are the French and the English, who are divided by nothing but mutual dislike and 20 miles of chilly water. Every week ferryloads of French going to shop in England and English going to shop in France pass each other in mid-Channel. I was on one such trip last week and it taught me a good deal.

There were shoppers who had come in a coach from a hundred miles away. Some of them do it every three months, and the sight

of this bad-tempered lot clashing their hypermarket trolleys into each other and then queuing like zombies at the check-out, oblivious to anything else on offer, was not one to make me feel especially proud to be British.

There were others, though, who behaved rather more imaginatively. One woman pounced on a cheap duffel coat for her schoolgirl daughter, though actually clothes are usually cheaper on the English side. Another had stocked up on non-alcoholic pastis, currently bringing balm to any number of over-heated French livers, but not obtainable in England.

The ones who probably had the best time were those who came home with a few cheeses but had plainly paid for a day out in France, much more than for the actual looting raid.

But I came out of the Calais hypermarket (inferior, actually, to one at Havant, England) with only about half-a-dozen things; I'd dithered in front of this, thought maybe

I'd go back for that — and then suddenly it was all too late.

I think the exact moment that I realized I was a terrible shopper was when I found myself looking for a present for an English-speaking five-year-old at a counter containing French crossword puzzles.

Perhaps there are a few precautions we bad shoppers can take. By sheer will power we can manage not to buy something to go with — let alone match — anything else, without having the thing actually with us (though I don't know how I could have taken my front door to France before buying that unsuitable doormat).

We can resolve to give up once the feet are hurting, the throat parched or the need for the Ladies too insistent — what sort of choices could we ever make in that condition? In the ordinary way, we should only shop in places where they will refund our money, and not do it all on one day. How often have we set out to buy a coat, say, and bought a tinopener just not to go home

empty handed?

Above all, I think we have to recognize which type of incompetent we are: do we spend too much, or too little? The big spender thinks acting poor means buying the Gucci copy, not the Gucci; she doesn't even realize that half the time she isn't paying for quality at all, but merely for the soft lights/high rents/queensale girls or the best store in town — though there are times when you're in such bad shape it's worth paying even for that.

The low spender — like me — can never pay enough for anything; we would, if we could, go round with the price tickets still on our bargains, just to prove how clever we are. And for us, I realize, a jump across a frontier to shop is actually a blessed release. For no matter what the franc is doing against the pound or the yen against the dollar, other people's money never feels real. By paying in what is obviously monopoly money we may, just for once, pay enough.

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Britain bans visit by 2 Sinn Fein leaders

LONDON, Dec. 9 (AP) — Home Secretary William Whitelaw banned a projected visit to London by two leaders of Sinn Fein, political wing of the Irish Republican Army, which claimed the British government feared their message.

The Home Office said the ban on next Tuesday's scheduled visit to London of Gerry Adams, vice president of Sinn Fein, and Daniel Morrison, editor of the IRA's weekly newspaper *Republican News* was ordered at the request of Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Kenneth Newman.

The ban was also extended to Martin

McGuinness, widely held to be the head of the IRA's "Derry Brigade" because a spokesman said of reports that he might accompany Adams and Morrison to London.

"We absolutely condemn the decision of the British Home Office to exclude us from speaking in London next week," Sinn Fein said in a statement after the banning order had been served in Belfast on the three.

"It proves what we have been saying all along, that the British government fears the message which Republicans wish to deliver, and were prepared at their peril to deliver, to concerned politicians in London," the Sinn

Fein statement said.

Adams and Morrison were invited to London by Ken Livingstone, left-wing labor head of the Greater London Council.

The ban came just two days after a bomb blast in a pub-disco in Northern Ireland killed 11 British soldiers and five civilians and injured 66 other persons. Responsibility for the bombing was claimed by the Irish National Liberation Army, a Marxist offshoot of the IRA.

Livingstone's invitation to the Sinn Fein men had provoked an outcry in London newspapers and among legislators.

Reporting the exclusion order in its main newscast, the British Broadcasting Corp. television news reader said the three Sinn Fein men were excluded "from this country" although Northern Ireland is part of Britain.

The ban was taken under the Prevention of Terrorism Act of 1976 which empowers the home secretary to bar entry into England of a persons suspected of having committed or fomented terrorism.

"We want to see an end to the war in our country," the Sinn Fein statement said.

GLC man going to Ulster

LONDON, Dec. 9 (R) — The left-wing leader of London's local government said Thursday he would go to Northern Ireland to meet three hard line Republicans who were banned from seeing him in the British capital.

Ken Livingstone, leader of the Labor Party majority in the Greater London Council (GLC), said he was unlikely to visit the troubled British province until next year.

Livingstone resisted pressure from politi-

cal opponents and members of his own Labor Party to cancel a visit to London next week by two leading members of Sinn Fein.

Illyd Harrington, Livingstone's deputy and a labor moderate, told reporters the ban could lead to more bombings on London streets. "The signal, probably, has now gone to the madmen — of which there is no shortage in Northern Ireland — to carry on the argument by violence and death," Harrington said.

Leftists attack Salvador city

SANTA CLARA, El Salvador Dec. 9 (AP) — Leftist guerrillas staged a fierce house-to-house attack Wednesday on this town in the eastern province of San Vicente, killing at least four government troops and wounding seven other persons, soldiers said.

"There was blood ... all over the place, in every house," said one soldier. "It cost them (the guerrillas) a lot."

The rebels reportedly attacked Santa Ana at 4:30 a.m. local time. Witnesses said many of the rebels were wearing national guard helmets and belts that confused government troops, who did not realize the men were guerrillas until they shot a soldier.

Soldiers said the insurgents did not withdraw until 10 a.m. and only after house-to-house fighting that left four government troops dead and five soldiers and two civilians wounded. One soldier said the attackers numbered about 600, but others indicated the guerrilla force was not that large.

Rebels took up positions in houses and

began firing on the 20-man national guard post, which was reinforced after the fighting started by an army company backed by a mortar crew, soldiers said. The guerrillas destroyed telephone and power lines, and broken glass from windows shot out in the battle littered the streets, witnesses said.

One guardsman said an unidentified helicopter flew in supplies to the rebels north of the town late Tuesday and was fired on by soldiers. The rebels carried away their dead and wounded, the soldiers said, and the number of rebel casualties could not be determined.

Santa Clara is 60 kilometers east of San Salvador, the capital, and 11 kilometers east of the town of San Sebastian, where insurgents Sunday kidnapped an estimated 200 persons from a soccer field and marched them off into nearby hills for indoctrination. The rebels are believed still holding about 150 of those kidnapped.

Nobel Laureates plead for prisoners

LONDON, Dec. 9 (AP) — Ten Nobel Prize winners, including seven peace laureates, have been among the first to join a year-long, worldwide drive for the release of political prisoners. Amnesty International announced at the start of the campaign Thursday.

After signings throughout most of 1983, petitions would be presented to all heads of state and the United Nations General Assembly, an organization spokesman said Thursday is International Human Rights Day.

Peace laureates supporting the drive included leading Soviet dissident Andrei

Sakharov. Adolfo Perez Esquivel who won the prize for his efforts to protect human rights in Argentina, and Mairead Corrigan, honored for her work for peace in Northern Ireland. Also signing was Coretta King, widow of assassinated U.S. civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. who received the prize in 1964.

Amnesty International, a London-based human rights movement with members and supporters in over 150 countries, itself received the peace prize in 1977. The petitions call for the release of all prisoners of conscience, declaring: "None of these people should be in prison."

Record space flight ending today

MOSCOW, Dec. 9 (AP) — Soviet cosmonauts Anatoly Berezovoy and Valentin Lebedev will end their record-setting space flight Friday and return to earth after nearly seven months aboard the Salyut-7 orbital station, Tass reported Thursday.

Berezovoy and Lebedev spent their 210th day in space Thursday checking the systems of Soyuz-T-7 vehicle that will carry them home and moth-balling the Salyut station, Tass said.

The two cosmonauts have completed their research program "and will return to earth tomorrow," the official news agency said. In announcing the day of the cosmonauts' return, Tass broke the Soviet practice of not revealing in advance the starting and ending dates for space missions not involving foreigners.

On Nov. 14, Berezovoy and Lebedev

exceeded the 185-day space endurance record set by their countrymen Leonid Popov and Valery Ryumin, who returned to earth on Oct. 11, 1980.

The longest American space flight was 85 days when astronauts Gerald Carr, Edward Gibson and William Pogue piloted the Skylab space station.

Berezovoy and Lebedev have been visited twice by other crews during their record-breaking flight. On June 24, Frenchman Jean-Loup Chretien, a test pilot, and two veteran Soviet cosmonauts were launched to Salyut-7. Chretien was the first non-American westerner to fly in space.

On Aug. 19, the Soviets launched an all-Soviet crew to visit the station, including Svetlana Savitskaya, 34, the second woman to fly in space.

Claim from Nairobi irks Uganda

KAMPALA, Dec. 9 (R) — Uganda Thursday deplored the fact that statements claiming responsibility for an attack on staff of the Indian High Commission in Kampala this week came from Kenya.

A Ugandan government statement said it was "strange" that the anti-government Uganda Freedom Movement (UFM) guerrillas had made the claim from the "citadel of the current chairman of the Organization of African Unity," Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi.

A UFM spokesman told Western news agencies in Nairobi on Tuesday that its guerrillas had carried out the attack on two Indian

High Commission staff, one of whom died of his wounds. The UFM said it attacked the men because of Indian support for Ugandan President Milton Obote's government.

"From their headquarters these bandits informed the world that they had done this dastardly deed in order to stop the government of India helping the people of Uganda," Thursday's statement said.

Several diplomatic missions tightened security around their staff and premises after the attack, according to diplomatic sources in Kampala. The two Indians were members of the commission staff but did not have diplomatic status, the sources said.

Mozambique oil depot set on fire

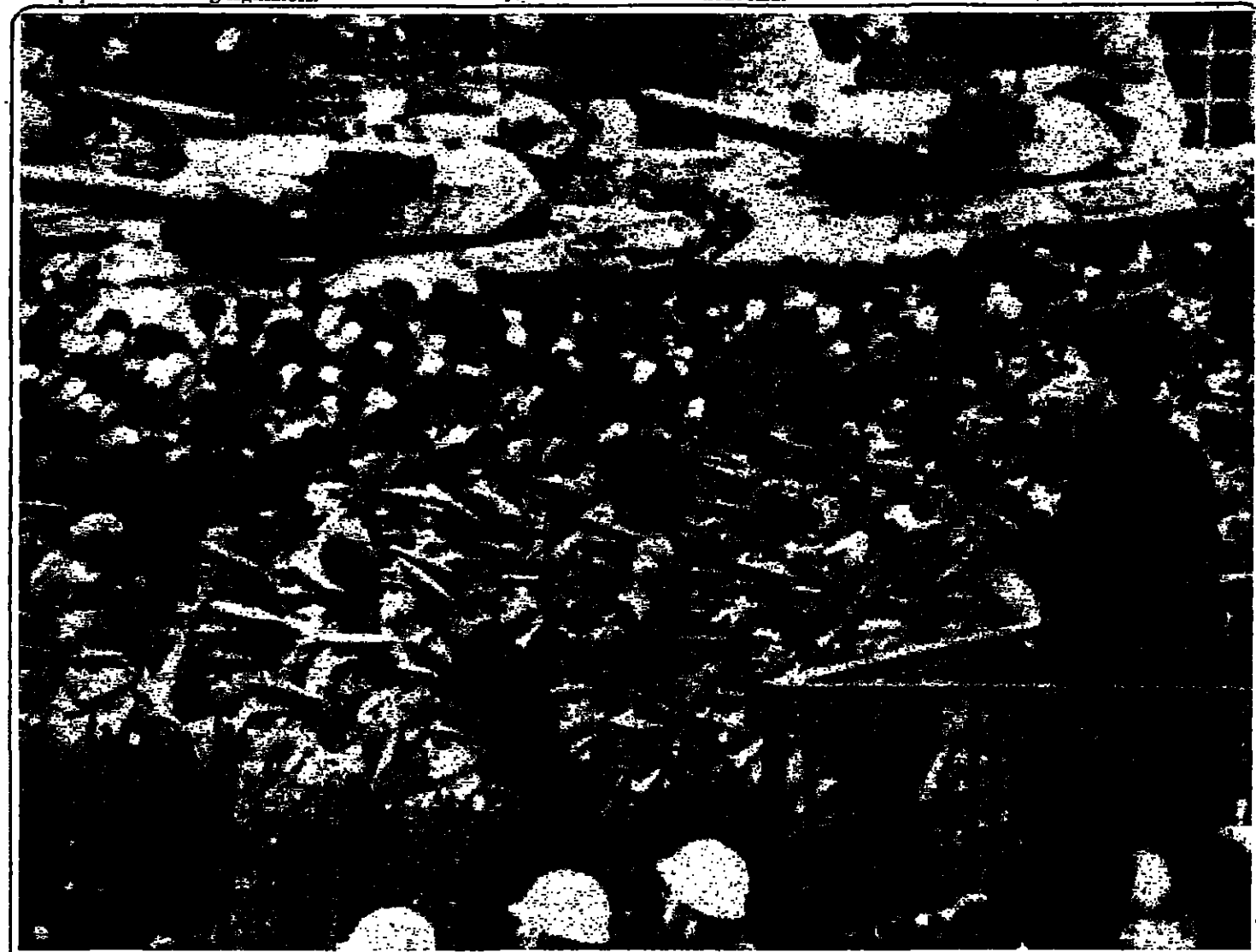
LISBON, Dec. 9 (R) — Anti-Mozambican government guerrillas Thursday claimed responsibility for a huge fire burning at an oil depot in the northern Mozambique port of Beira. A Lisbon spokesman for the Mozambique National Resistance (RNM) spokesman, Ewo Fernandez, told Reuters the flames could not be extinguished and that the depot had been destroyed.

He said the attack served as a warning to neighboring Zimbabwe not to help the Mozambique government with troops.

According to official sources in Harare, capital of Zimbabwe, the fire started Wed-

nesday night. The depot, owned by Shell and British Petroleum, supplies fuel to central Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

Fernandez said RNM guerrillas, who have been fighting a bush war against the Marxist government of Mozambique President Samore Machel, also destroyed a pumping station on a pipeline from Beira to Zimbabwe. "This is a warning not only to the government of Mozambique but also to Zimbabwe and (Prime Minister Robert) Mugabe's policy of sending troops to help Mozambique," he said.



SPANISH PARADE: Felipe Gonzalez, right, new premier of Spain's Socialist government reviews the "Brumec" elite armored division's parade in Madrid on Wednesday.

Dominica jails former premier

ROSEAU, Dec. 9 (AP) — The West Indies Supreme Court of Appeal has overruled a lower court decision exonerating former Prime Minister Patrick John and three others on charges of attempting to overthrow the government of Dominica last year, the government announced.

Authorities in Dominica said the decision was made by the high court in St. Vincent Tuesday and that decision was made public in Dominica Wednesday. After the announcement, the government issued an arrest order for John and three others and jailed all four suspects immediately.

Immediately, Judge Monica Joseph heard an application for bail for John and the others presented by defense attorney Charles Beausoleil. After 90 minutes, the judge adjourned the hearing until Thursday.

Last June, Judge Horace Mitchell ruled the state lacked sufficient evidence to convict the four suspects. At the time, the judge ordered John and the others released.

After the decision, the government of Prime Minister Eugenia Charles announced the decision would be appealed. Sir Neville Peterkin, chief justice of the West Indies Supreme Court of Appeal, who headed a three-judge panel, came to Dominica and held a two-day hearing in late September. The high court's decision was handed down Tuesday.

Besides John, the others arrested Wednesday were Malcolm Reid, second-in-command of the now disbanded Dominican Defense Force; Dennis Joseph, former director of public broadcasting and information; and Julian David, a salesman.

John, who led this island to independence in 1978, had been forced out of power in June 1979 by a no-confidence vote, a general strike and a series of demonstrations.

Solar flare noticed

BOULDER, Colorado, Dec. 9 (AP) — A major solar flare is causing serious high-frequency communication problems in the polar regions, the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported Wednesday.

More solar flare activity is expected at any time, said Patrick McIntosh, solar forecaster for the Space Environment Services Center here.

McIntosh said protons from the flare were moving at half the speed of light and "the earth was receiving radiation within 30 minutes of the start of the flare" Tuesday.

Solar radiation can affect radio communications by changing the upper atmosphere and the earth's magnetic field. "Such particles are capable of penetrating spacecraft and causing biological harm to unprotected astronauts in space," he said.

The flare went off just before it rotated out of sight over the west edge of the sun and spared earth the worst effects of the incident.

Implicated in Dozier case Bulgarian connection grows

ROME, Dec. 9 (AP) — A labor union leader charged with espionage and complicity in the terrorist kidnapping of a U.S. general has told investigators he was instructed by Bulgarian agents to make contacts with the Red Brigades, *Corriere Della Sera* reported Thursday.

Italy's largest newspaper said Luigi Scricciolo, in jail since February, has decided to collaborate with justice authorities and furnished the names of four employees of the Bulgarian Embassy with whom he allegedly was in contact.

"According to the admissions made now to the magistrate, Scricciolo received precise instructions. He was explicitly asked to make contact with some members of the Red Brigades. The Bulgarians had a great interest in establishing a link with the terrorist organization," *Corriere Della Sera* said.

Asked to comment on the report, Bulgarian press attaché Vassil Dimitrov repeated the embassy's contention that none of its diplomats or employees had contacts with any Italian terrorist group.

According to *Corriere Della Sera* and Rome's left-leaning *La Repubblica*, there is no link between Scricciolo's case and the shooting of Pope John Paul II in which three Bulgarians have been implicated. *Corriere Della Sera* said the only connection is that "both Agca and Scricciolo were allegedly piloted by espionage agents from Sofia."

Corriere Della Sera and other newspapers reported Wednesday that Mehmet Ali Agca told investigators he received instructions to kill the pope while in Bulgaria and was assisted in Rome by Bulgarian secret service

agents.

Scricciolo's name came up at the trial of the Red Brigades terrorist convicted of kidnapping U.S. Army Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier. Antonio Savasta, a ringleader turned informer, testified that an employee of the Bulgarian Embassy offered the leftist terrorist group arms and money and later, after Dozier was kidnapped, offered to help manage the kidnapping. Savasta said the offer was refused.

Dozier, the highest-ranking U.S. officer at the Verona NATO base, was kidnapped last Dec. 17 and freed by Italian police six weeks later.

In his deposition, Savasta said he did not speak personally to any Bulgarian but he said a jailed member of the Red Brigades, Loris Scricciolo, had arranged for the contact with his cousin, Luigi Scricciolo.

Scricciolo headed the international office of the Socialist-dominated Uil Union Federation, a job that put him in contact with union officials in various parts of the world. Scricciolo's wife, Paola, was also arrested on terrorist charges but was released from prison pending trial for reasons of health.

Meanwhile, Italian magistrates have seized personnel and passenger lists of the Bulgarian state airline whose Rome station chief was arrested last month for suspected complicity in the attempted murder of Pope John Paul, judicial sources said.

The lists were seized from the airline's office after allegations that it provided cover for Bulgarian secret service operations, they said, Sergei Antonov, Balkan air station chief in Rome, was arrested on Nov. 25.

Surinam foils coup attempt

PARAMARIBO, Surinam, Dec. 9 (R) — Surinam's military government has foiled an attempted coup by what army chief Daysi Bouterse described as the country's "rich economic elite," the government-controlled Surinam News Agency reported Thursday. Lt. Col. Bouterse, who is the South American country's military strongman, was quoted as saying the attempt to overthrow the government would have led to a bloodbath in Paramaribo, the capital.

The government imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew following the report of violence Wednesday in which several buildings were burned down. Col. Bouterse did not name the leaders of the thwarted plot, the agency said.

But he said without elaboration that some of the plotters had been destroyed. Col. Bouterse added that the leaders were members of a "rich economic elite" from the period before a military coup in February, 1980, when the country's elected government was toppled.

"The beds of social unrest used as centers of the counter revolution have been tackled," he was quoted as saying, adding that some of them had been destroyed. In Wednesday's violence, four buildings housing two privately owned radio stations, a newspaper and the office of a major trade union were burned down.

The government has closed Surinam's airspace, frontiers and university and banned meetings as well as silencing all local radio stations, leaving the official Surinam state radio as the only one still on the air. It also imposed a publication ban on six newspapers and two local news agencies, according to the official Surinam News Agency.

Surinam, a mountainous, heavily forested country on the northeastern coast of South America, received its independence from the Netherlands in 1975. It has a population of about 37,000 in a land area of some 160,000 square kilometers.

The government, which includes a number of civilian ministers below the military rulers, has recently faced strong opposition from the unions and people who resent its Socialist policies and want a general election.

Spain expects Gibraltar talks

MADRID, Dec. 9 (AP) — The Spanish government's decision to open the gate to Gibraltar to pedestrian traffic next week has raised hopes here for a favorable British reaction and the opening of negotiations for the return of the colony to Spain.

Announcing the decision Tuesday after the first cabinet meeting since the Socialists took office last week Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez described opening the gate as a "humanitarian" gesture aimed at reuniting families separated since 1969, when former leader Francisco Franco closed all land communications in a bid to force Britain to negotiate.

Although Gonzalez ruled out any link between the cabinet decision and the opening of talks with London, observers said the new government is clearly looking for a positive British reaction to what the press here has described as a "gesture of good will."

In London Wednesday, a Foreign Office spokesman said "Britain welcomed" any easing of the restrictions on Gibraltar. But he said London was awaiting clarification on the decision and how it would be implemented. He also said opening the gate to pedestrians did not entirely fulfill the terms of the 1980 Lisbon agreement between Spain and Britain which foresaw complete reopening of the frontier separating Gibraltar from the Spanish peninsula.

Gonzalez has repeatedly emphasized that the decision should not be interpreted as any weakening in Spain's claim to the colony, ceded to Britain in 1713.

In the parliamentary debate he repeated his intention of "reintegrating Gibraltar to the national territory" — his primary foreign policy goal — through negotiations with Britain.

Although the decision was hailed by most Spanish politicians, some have objected that its unilateral nature has left Spain with overall less bargaining power. Last January London and Madrid had agreed to proceed simultaneously with opening the gate and resuming negotiations on April 20, in application of the Lisbon agreement of April 1980.

But the outbreak of war between Britain and Argentina over the Falkland Islands cut short those plans. Former Foreign Minister Marcelino Oreja Aguirre, co-signer of the Lisbon accord with the British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, Wednesday criticized the decision calling it "precipitous" and "harmful to Spanish interests."

WEATHER

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Amsterdam	4	39	9	48	rain	8	46	19	66	clear
Athens	5	41	16	61	clear	25	77	26	79	cloudy
Bahrain	12	54	17	63	cloudy	-7	19	-1	30	snow
Bangkok	24	75	32	90	clear	-6	21	-4	25	cloudy
Beirut	10	50	18	64	cloudy	8	46	23	73	clear
Berlin	4	39	10	50	cloudy	5	41	10	50	clear
Brussels	5	41	9	48	rain	6	43	18	64	clear
Buenos Aires	15	59	29	84	clear	-3	27	-3	27	cloudy
Cairo	8	46	20	68	cloudy	8	46	11	52	cloudy
Cannes	20	68	26	79	cloudy					
Chicago	-5	23	2	36	clear	0	32	9	48	rain
Copenhagen	-5	23	6	43	rain	18	64	27	81	clear
Dublin	3	37	7	45	clear	6	48	13	55	clear
Frankfurt	7	45	12	54	rain	10	50	14	57	clear
Geneva	6	46	11	52	cloudy	-2	28	5	41	clear
Helsinki	-5	23	0	32	clear	24	75	32	90	rain
Hong Kong	17	63	23	73	clear	-7	19	-2	28	clear
Jakarta	23	73	32	90	cloudy	16	61	23	77	cloudy
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	33	91	rain	17	63	26	79	clear
London	6	43	9	48	clear	39	102	52	126	cloudy
Los Angeles	10	50	19	66	cloudy	-5	23	-3	27	cloudy
Madrid	9	48	12	54	cloudy	-2	28	4	39	cloudy
Manila	21	70	29	84	cloudy	1	34	5	41	fog